

## Israel plan to defuse the tension

From GEOFFREY D. PAUL,  
Jerusalem

Israel may give a new airing to plans for thinning out the Canal. The idea was first mooted by the Minister, Mr Moshe Dayan, last November and then, apparently because of American opposition. Sources close to Mr Dayan indicate that he now thinks that the way now open to the Egyptians, with Israel possibly making a concession of not reducing the number of ships within their own territory. Such an interim solution—and Sadat has indicated that he is not averse to getting the Canal open without a final settlement—would have the merit from Israel's view point of leaving open to negotiation the question of a major withdrawal from Sinai.

Just what the process of thinning out would involve, the distance by which withdrawal would be made and whether a token force would be left on the east bank of the Canal, is not yet clear.

Mr Dayan confirmed in the Knesset on Tuesday what he has already said a number of times in private: If the choice were to be between an Israeli presence at Sharm el Sheikh without settlement, or settlement without this presence, then he would prefer the former.



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This is something on which almost all the Cabinet agrees, and goes hand-in-hand with a land link between Sharm and Elath, Israel's southernmost port.

Israel will not bend under any American pressure to abandon her formula of no total withdrawal from all occupied territory.

Among foreign observers and there are plenty of them—believe that refutation of the Dayan plan for the Canal may in fact be an attempt to get the United States to take the heat off.

By threatening a separate deal which would get the Canal reopened to the Russian fleet, Israel may be able to persuade Washington to loosen the screws—according to this interpretation of Israel's purpose.



President of Israel, Mr Zalman Shazar, with President Nixon at the White House on Monday. Story on back page.



Steps to freedom. Mr and Mrs Gideon Katz and their son, Haim, in London en route to Israel from the Soviet Union. They missed their aircraft in Moscow because of harassment by Soviet officials. Interview, page 8.

### Elan to see Sir Alec

Jewish Chronicle Foreign Staff

Mr Abba Eban, the Israeli Foreign Minister, is to visit London, Washington and New York next week.

Next Wednesday he will see the US Secretary of State, Mr William Rogers, and may also have talks with President Nixon. He also hopes to see the UN peace envoy, Mr Gunnar Jarring.

In London Mr Eban is scheduled to meet the Foreign Secretary, Sir Alec Douglas-Home, with whom he is expected to raise the latter's recent speech on the Middle East, which has given offence in Israel.

### On the trot

From our Correspondent  
Jerusalem

Israel is to raise and train racehorses. Under an agreement reached by the Ministry of Agriculture with British and West German companies, foals will be sent to Israel for this purpose and then returned to Europe to race.

Grooms, stable-boys and other staff will be Israelis and the managers foreign.

It is also planned at some future date to establish racecourses in Israel.

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### 'No more pogroms'

Jewish Chronicle Foreign Staff

The times of Tsarist pogroms and Stalinist persecutions, when our parents would perish without defending themselves, are over," 17 Soviet Jews declared in a letter last week.

The group, who have applied for exit visas for Israel, sent the letter to Mr Nikolai Shchelokov, the head of the Soviet Ministry of the Interior, complaining of harassment by "unidentified people" who were hounding them and resorting to violence.

The 17 signatories said they had also received anonymous threatening letters. They enclosed copies with their letter to the official and also passed them on to Western correspondents in Moscow.

Fifty young Jews, mostly students, members of the Front for the Liberation of Soviet Jewry, occupied the office of Tass, the Soviet news agency in London on Wednesday night. They sent messages on the agency's telex machine to the Soviet leaders, asking what had happened to the Jews who had staged sit-ins in Moscow and Riga on Wednesday, demanding permission to leave for Israel. When the police arrived, the students left peacefully.

"Many Moscow homes have been the target of threatening telephone calls and loud knocks on the door," the letter said.

"We demand that effective measures be taken to stop such

provocations, no matter what their source is. Otherwise we will be compelled to defend our lives and human dignity ourselves."

On Wednesday evening over 100 Jews who had staged a "sit-in" at the reception office of the Soviet Parliament in Moscow were evicted by a large force of police. When told force could be used if necessary they left quietly.

As far as is known, none of them was arrested.

The sit-in was started by 57 Riga Jews who came to present a petition to President Podgorny and Premier Kosygin asking them to grant their long-standing applications for exit visas to Israel.

Forty-five Jews from Vilna and Kaunas (Kovno) are reported to have submitted a similar petition to the Communist Party central committee.

A moving letter has been written by 10-year-old Eva Meisels from the Ukraine to her father in Israel, threatening to commit suicide if she cannot join him and her sister.

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## ISRAEL AND MIDDLE EAST

## Eban: No surrender to Cairo ultimatum

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

Slung by U Thant's allegation that Israel's reply to the UN special Middle East envoy, Mr Gunnar Jarring, had not been positive, the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr Abba Eban, on Sunday night released the full text of Israel's latest message to the Egyptian through Mr Jarring. (See columns 4 and 5.)

Mr Eban told a news conference that there was absolutely no foundation for comparing Israel's reply unfavourably with Egypt's. It "utterly escapes our understanding" why this allegation should have been made, he declared.

What the Egyptians seem to be demanding, said the Foreign Minister, was Israel's unconditional surrender to their ultimatum, while what Israel was asking for was unconditional negotiations.

As Israel saw it, "the task is to ensure security and peace and not to reconstruct situations which have led to war."

Israel accepted the (November, 1967) resolution of the Security Council and co-operated with Mr Jarring on the clear understanding and assurance that the resolution did not call for evacuation of all the territories—that the omission of the words "all the territories" was deliberate," Mr Eban said.

"You can therefore understand the situation created when Israel is presented with documents and asked to sign them on the dotted line."

"There is a misunderstanding. Israel must be an active partner and not a passive object of the negotiating process."

"The position is not that Egypt or international representatives have a monopoly of the right to suggest formulations and that Israel has only one solitary right, which is to put its signature blindly on one or other of the documents presented to it."

"Our lives, our future, our survival are at stake in this peace agreement and we must insist on

to release the whole of her latest communication.

In the course of his press conference, Mr Eban revealed that on at least two occasions during the past two months, Egypt "has not wished to take Israeli documents into its hands until any hint that Israel was communicating even indirectly with Cairo had been eliminated."

## Egypt's reply

From our Correspondent United Nations

Following Israel's example, Egypt has made public her reply to Mr Jarring's list of questions addressed to both sides, and has also given selected correspondents details of the questions which have not hitherto been published.

According to the Egyptian version, Mr Jarring asked Israel if she would withdraw to the old British mandatory border between Palestine and Egypt (this included the Gaza Strip within Palestine), in return for demilitarised zones, a security arrangement at Sharm el Sheikh—including a United Nations force there—and guarantees of free passage for Israeli shipping through the Straits of Tiran and the Suez Canal.

From Egypt he asked for a commitment "to enter into a peace agreement with Israel." This would include an assurance of the ending of belligerency; recognition of each other's independence and right to live in peace "within secure and recognised borders," and non-interference in domestic affairs.

Egypt, in her reply, accepted all this, but hedged it with a demand for the withdrawal "of all forces from Sinai and the Gaza Strip" (which went beyond Mr Jarring's suggestion) and a "just settlement" of the refugee problem.

"When Israel gives these commitments, Egypt will be ready to enter into a peace agreement with Israel containing all the aforementioned obligations," the reply said.

Then, in the following paragraph, Egypt made a peace agreement contingent on Israeli withdrawal "from all territories occupied" in the Six-Day War.



Arabs working on a construction site at Ramat Eshkol in the north of Jerusalem. Building plans here and elsewhere in the city have been criticised by some of Israel's friends, as well as by Russia and Arab.

## Israel's forces ready

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

With Egypt's armed forces heavily concentrated in the area between Cairo and the Suez Canal, deployed for immediate offensive action and placed in a state of "utmost preparedness," Israeli forces have been placed in a matching state of high alert.

The past seven months of the ceasefire agreed in June 1967—now abrogated by the Egyptians but not by Israel, which continues to observe it—have shown that the Egyptian forces are highly disciplined.

There have been no cases in which fire has been opened accidentally, so if the Egyptians do open fire now that Egypt has refused to renew the ceasefire, the Israelis are likely to interpret it as a premeditated act of warfare.

Egyptian troops across the Canal are following what an authoritative source in Jerusalem described on Tuesday morning as "a very cautious routine." They are no longer moving about freely and do not emerge into the open without careful precautions.

They are reported to have dismantled forward observation posts, presumably to prevent their being sitting targets.

There seems to be no immediate expectation in Israeli circles of a large-scale resumption of warfare and the public mood—as shown in the uninhibited Purim celebrations—reflects this.

But there is appreciation of the fact that, under the condition of "non-censelire" proclaimed by

## 30 Gaza families sent into Sinai exile

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

Since mid-January, Israel has banished 30 families (totalling about 180 people) of wanted terrorists from Gaza to an abandoned port on the west coast of the Sinai Peninsula.

They are in Abu Zneima, 60 miles south of Suez and not far north of the Abu Rodels oilfield.

Abu Zneima was the port from which, before 1967, the Egyptians shipped large quantities of manganese mined in Sinai, and tons of the mineral are still lying on the jetty there.

The banishments were ordered by military decrees, to deprive terrorists of the information, money and shelter which might be provided by their families.

Israel is providing food and all material services for the exiled families and has also offered work and schooling, which were refused. As a rule, no family is banished unless there is a grown-up male with them, so as not to offend Moslem tradition. When a wanted family head is either caught, killed or known to be in another Arab country, his relatives are allowed to return to their original homes.

In the nine weeks since Israel launched her comb-out of the Gaza region for terrorists, about 200 have been arrested, including a gang responsible for most past grenade-throwing incidents.

However, authoritative sources admit that the terrorist threat will never be entirely eliminated until peace comes. Proof of this lies in the fact that there has been no decrease in the number of incidents.

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

On Thursday of last week, Adar 7, the anniversary of the death of Moses, whose place of burial is not known, Israel paid homage to the memory of 253 of her men who died on active service and whose graves are likewise unknown.

A memorial service in Mount Herzl military cemetery here was attended by Mrs Golda Meir, the Prime Minister; Mr Moshe Dayan, the Defence Minister; and other Cabinet Ministers, Israel Defence Forces chiefs and members of the bereaved families.

Sixty-nine men died in the mystery sinking of the Israeli submarine, Dakar, in the eastern Mediterranean three years ago and 10 men were never found after an Egyptian missile-ship sank the Egyptian destroyer, Elati, in October, 1967.

Members of Hagana and other underground organisations are included, as well as three members of the security services, among them Elie Cohen, who was hanged in Damascus in May, 1965. The two remaining men and their tasks have not been named.

During the service, conducted by Major-General Shlomo Goren, the Chief Rabbi of the Israeli Defence Forces, a memorial to the Dakar sailors was unveiled by the mother of the submarine's captain.

## MiGs over Golan

Jerusalem

Two Syrian MIG-21 jet fighters flew over Israeli positions on the Golan Heights on Saturday, apparently on an aerial reconnaissance mission.

This was the first such incident reported along the Syrian front since the ceasefire, which expired on Sunday, began seven months ago.—(Reuters)

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Dr A. Sabin, president of the Weizmann Institute, presents a diploma to an Israeli Arab doctor for his work in cancer research.

## Small satisfaction for Arab terrorists

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

Arab terrorists got the worst of it in two week-end encounters with Israeli patrols. Two were killed on Friday night in a clash in the Jordan Valley just north of the Nahal settlement of Argaman. Another was killed in an incident on the Golan Heights, north of Kuneitra. In neither case were there any Israeli casualties.

Two Arab residents of the Sinai town of Rafah were wounded on Sunday morning, when a grenade was thrown in a street there.

Arab terrorists from Jordan fired at an Israeli patrol in the Jordan Valley just south of the Sea of Galilee, on Saturday. The attack was made near Shahr Hagolan village. There were no casualties.

According to reports from Amman, terrorists claim to have killed an Israeli intelligence officer of Polish origin, who had been working in the Golan Heights and allegedly taken part in torturing Arab detainees during interrogation.

A terrorist spokesman named the officer as Lieutenant Haim Elie, 28, and said he was killed in Tel Aviv on Wednesday of last week.

On Sunday a number of Russian-made Katyusha rockets were fired from Syrian territory at the Israeli settlement of Aherom, in the Golan Heights. No casualties were caused.

There were two serious incidents in Sinai towards the end of last week. On Thursday night, four soldiers, including a girl, were wounded when three hand-grenades

## 'No need to escape' for British Jews

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

There is not much purpose in speaking to Anglo-Jewry about emigration to Israel in apocalyptic terms. They have no need to escape. Indeed, disaster and weakness cannot be imagined as falling on American or British Jewry without coming on Israel as well.

These views were put forward in a message from Mr Abba Eban, the Israeli Foreign Minister, to the 20th annual conference of Hitachdut Olai Britania, the association of British settlers, in Tel Aviv last week. Mr Eban is its honorary president.

However, he confessed to disappointment that the stream of British immigrants—2,000 last year—was not yet the torrent which the challenge of Israel might have been expected to draw forth.

## New hope for handicapped

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

Thirty-seven blind and handicapped Israelis, including two army officers blinded as the result of wounds, have been trained to operate automatic data processing machines.

They were trained under a special research programme for people with secondary and higher education, conducted by the Ministry of Social Welfare.

The American Department of Health, Education and Welfare provided a grant for the programme, which was run in co-operation with the IBM organisation and the Jewish Institute for the Blind.

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## Text of Israel's reply for Egypt

Israel views favourably the expression by Egypt of its readiness to enter into a peace agreement with Israel and reiterates that it is prepared for meaningful negotiations on all subjects relevant to a peace agreement between the two countries.

The Government of Israel wishes to state that the peace agreement to be concluded between Israel and Egypt should—inter alia—include the provisions set out below.

Israel would give undertakings covering the following:

Declared and explicit decision to regard the conflict between Israel and Egypt as finally ended, and termination of all claims and states of war and acts of hostility or belligerency between Israel and Egypt.

Respect for and acknowledgement of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of Egypt.

Respect for and acknowledgement of the right of Egypt to live in peace within secure and recognised boundaries.

Withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from the Israel-Egypt ceasefire line to the secure, recognised and agreed boundaries to be established in the peace agreement. Israel will not withdraw to the pre-June 5, 1967, lines.

In the matter of refugees and the claims of both parties in this connection, Israel is prepared to negotiate with the Governments directly involved on:

The payment of compensation for abandoned lands and property; participation in the planning of the rehabilitation of the refugees in the region.

Once the obligations of the parties towards the settlement of the refugee issue have been agreed, neither party shall be under claims from the other inconsistent with its sovereignty.

The responsibility for ensuring that no warlike act or act of violence, by any organisation, group or individual originates from or is committed in the territory of Israel, boundaries, population, armed forces or property of Egypt.

## Understanding from Moro

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

Five days of talks between Israeli leaders and the visiting Italian Foreign Minister, Mr Aldo Moro, on which Jerusalem had set high store, ended on Monday without all Mr Moro's reservations having been dispelled.

He was unwilling, for instance, to endorse Israel's stand on the whole of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, or the need for Israel to hold military strongpoints in Sinai. However, he was agreeable to explaining Israel's viewpoint to the Arabs, with whom Rome maintains good relations.

During his visit, Mr Moro had talks with the Premier, Mrs Golda Meir; the Deputy Premier, Mr Yigal Allon; the Defence Minister, Mr Moshe Dayan; and the Foreign Minister, Mr Abba Eban; and received a thorough explanation of Israel's position.

He expressed understanding for Israel's basic stand that only a properly negotiated peace treaty could replace the state of war which had existed for the past 28 years, and promised Italy's continuing support for Mr Jarring's efforts to reach a settlement.

Mr Moro made it clear to correspondents that Italy had no intention of assuming the role of mediator, but declared: "Our channels of communications are open and I will certainly have a chance to pass on my impressions to all interested parties, including the Arab representatives in Italy."

## One more try at unity

Cairo

The Palestine National Council (the terrorist "Parliament") decided at its meeting here this week to merge all terrorist forces under one military command.

It will be formed at the end of a three-month transitional period, during which a new 150-member national council is to be appointed.

The new command is to be responsible for increasing terrorist action against Israel, co-ordinating it and standardising military equipment and training.—(Reuters)

## Moon man gives Haifa talk

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

The American astronaut, Mr James McDivitt, was among 700 delegates, including 10 top foreign experts, who attended Israel's 18th annual conference on aviation and astronautics, last week.

They learnt from Mr Shimon Peres, the Communications Minister, that Israel now had 171 licensed aircraft, operated by 17 companies, and an aircraft industry which employed 20,000 people.

Technical conference sessions took place at the Technion, where Mr McDivitt lectured on the Apollo lunar landing programme.

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### OUR CORRESPONDENTS REPORT

ISRAEL'S FOREIGN indebtedness amounts to £470 for each man, woman and child in the country. The trade gap last year totalled nearly £625 million. Exports brought in just over this sum, with imports costing a little under £1,250 million.

ORMAT TURBINES is a new Israeli factory which will produce electric turbo-generators for telecommunications stations in countries lacking electric power networks. It will also develop a mini-turbo-generator with nuclear energy provided by the French Atomic Energy Commission.

THE ISRAEL MEHLMAN LIBRARY of the Diaspora Research Institute was dedicated at Tel Aviv University on Sunday. The library contains 25,000 volumes of Judaica, including fifteenth- and sixteenth-century first editions.

THE LARGEST-EVER single export contract—for \$40 million (about £16½ million) worth of tyres to the United States over the next five years—was signed in Jerusalem last week. The Alliance plant, which will manufacture the tyres, expects its production to reach some £7 million this year and up to £40 million within six years.

THE TIMNA COPPER mines are to build an international metal processing centre in co-operation with foreign mining companies.

MR SIDNEY SPIVAK, 42, has been elected leader of the Canadian Progressive Conservative Party in Manitoba. Both Opposition parties in the province now have Jewish leaders, the other being Mr I. H. (Izzy) Asper, of the Liberals. There are three Jewish members in the ruling New Democratic Party Cabinet.

A PROTEST MEETING against Italian antisemitism and the desecration of the old Jewish cemetery in Leghorn was held in Rome.

AN INSTITUTE for the study of Jewish culture in Eastern Europe has been founded in Paris.

MR ARTHUR GOLDBERG, former US Supreme Court Justice and US representative at the United Nations, has been appointed chairman of the ad hoc Committee on the Human Rights and Genocide Treaties. Fifty-two American religious and civic groups are represented on the committee, which is dedicated to securing US ratification of these treaties.

FORMER SS Captain Friedrich Paulus, 64, has been charged in Hamburg with responsibility for the murder of some 200 Polish citizens in the Lublin area of Poland in 1940. Former SS group leader Anton Binner, 64, Paulus's superior, collapsed a few days before proceedings opened and was declared unfit to stand trial.

35 GERMAN JUDGES and lawyers took part in a two-week study tour of Israel sponsored by the Bonn Ministry of the Interior.

"HUMAN RACES — human rights" is the motto of this year's Brotherhood Week in West Germany. It calls for a strengthening of economic and commercial relations.

A PROTOCOL for the renewal of their trade agreement has been signed between France and Israel. It calls for a strengthening of economic and commercial relations.

A HISTORY of the Prague synagogues has been published in English and Czech by the Odeon publishing house in the Czech capital. The authors are Jan Herman and Milada Vilimkova.

THE ISRAELI KIBBUTZ Choir, conducted by Anner Itai and Yael Tabari, is touring West Germany, Switzerland and Austria.

THE RUBER-ROSENZWEIG medal, annually awarded during West Germany's Brotherhood Week, has been awarded to Bishop Kurt Scharf, of West Berlin, the Evangelical Church leader, for his efforts for "better understanding between the Churches and Israel as a Jewish State and a religion."



"The night of dancing diamonds" at this year's Israel Fashion Week in Tel Aviv was a novel way of highlighting the progress of Israel's jewellery industry

### A biting story

From our Correspondent Jerusalem

Interrogators attached to the Israeli security forces hear some strange stories in the course of their duties. One of the strangest was related by a terrorist captured after infiltrating from the Lebanon. It was the second time this man had been captured. He had been an Israeli prison once before.

Why had he been so foolish as to allow himself to be captured again? In order, he told his interrogators, to have his dental bridge repaired.

When last in an Israeli jail, he explained, he had been fitted with a bridge by the prison dentist. When he went back to the Lebanon it had been damaged. He had asked a dentist in Beirut if he could repair it, but the price quoted had been exorbitant. And that, he said, was why he had infiltrated back into Israel. — (Reuters)

### OVERSEAS NEWS

## Growing antisemitism in Russia

From our Special Correspondent on East European Affairs

The anxiety felt by Soviet Jews and expressed by recent emigrants from the Soviet Union, over the antisemitism gaining momentum among an influential section of the Soviet Establishment, has been confirmed by two experts who visited the country recently.

They are Mr Michael Scammell, a well-known translator from Russian, and Professor Jonathan Harris, of the University of Pittsburgh.

Their impressions appear in the latest issue of Survey, a journal of East and West studies, published by the Oxford University Press.

It says: "Hostility to Israel... apart from its merits or demerits as foreign policy, chimes all too easily and ominously with a tradition of antisemitism at home. But far more ominous in the long run is the related and rapidly growing phenomenon of Great Russian nationalism and the appearance of a rather amorphous group of people known as the 'rusky'."

According to one well-placed informant, they are particularly powerful in the KGB and security organs. Professor Harris mentions "a fierce antisemitism" among the characteristics of the rusky. They see the Jews as aliens "stressing... their alleged inability to understand the 'Russian spirit'."

Professor Harris makes it clear that assimilation has not solved anything: "The russified Jewish intelligentsia, which plays a major role in academia and the creative arts, now sees growing limitations on its social and political opportunities. Stemming from the fierce anti-Zionist campaign of recent years."

While only a minority fears a return to the horrors of 1948-52, when Jewish cultural figures were liquidated in vast numbers, many fear a resurgence of popular antisemitism as a result of the official campaign against "Zionism."

According to the French daily, "The anxiety felt by Soviet Jews and expressed by recent emigrants from the Soviet Union, over the antisemitism gaining momentum among an influential section of the Soviet Establishment, has been confirmed by two experts who visited the country recently."

### Slovak Jews hold services

From a Correspondent

There are Jewish religious communities in 23 districts of Slovakia, according to their central federation. Their one minister Rabbi Isidor Katz, lives in Galanta.

Communal workers including choicetim, are reported to be functioning in Bratislava, Presov, Michalovce and Lucence, with kosher meals during the season at Plesany Spa and all the year round privately in Bratislava and the community's restaurant in Kosice.

There are daily services in Bratislava, Galanta, Nove Zamky and Kosice, and on Sabbath eve, the Sabbath and the High Holydays at Michalovce, Presov Liptovsky Mikulas, Zilina Trencin, Puzosva, Dunajska Streda Komarno Lucence, Levice and Nitra.

At Plesany Spa services are held on the High Holydays and on Sabbath eve and the Sabbath during the season. There are also High Holyday services in Rimavska Sobota, Sahy, Hlohovec, Baranska Bystrica, Bardejov and Kezmarok. Jewish rites are reported to be observed at funerals. If there is a request for burial in a cemetery at an area where Jews are no longer living, the nearest community will officiate.

There are said to be 400 Jewish cemeteries in Slovakia without a community in the same area. According to the federation, these are cared for by the nearest community, or by local non-Jews.

## Odessa rabbi toes the party line

From our Special Correspondent on East European Affairs

For the first time in the 59-year-old history of the Soviet régime, Literaturnaya Gazeta (Literary Gazette), the official organ of the USSR Writers' Union, has published an article by a minister of religion—a rabbi in this case.

The article, by the rabbi of the Odessa community, Rabbi I. B. Schwartzblat, expressed "deep indignation at the outrages of world Zionism, provocations against Soviet citizens and offices in the USA, and the shameful gathering in Brussels."

In its foreign service, Moscow radio broadcast a report of the article distributed by Tass, the official Soviet news agency.

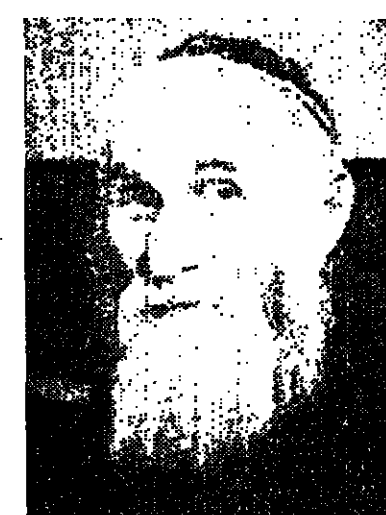
In it, Rabbi Schwartzblat repeated the Soviet propaganda theme equating Israel with the Nazis: "The victory over Nazism cost the Soviet people 20 million lives, among them old men, women and children."

"Today the Israeli gendarmes train their guns and machine-guns on Arab women, old men and children, while Moshe Dayan threatens to raze almost entire countries from off the face of the earth."

The article condemned "Zionist gentlemen" who had visited Odessa and "extolled the 'joys of life' in Israel." The Odessa community had "their own ideas about this 'paradise'." Rabbi Schwartzblat declared.

The community was indignant at the holding of the Brussels conference on Soviet Jewry, the article stated, and had adopted a resolution protesting against it.

Another rabbi—Chief Rabbi Yehuda Lesh Levai, of Moscow—was also involved in a protest against the Brussels conference. He was one of nine people who



Rabbi Schwartzblat

signed a letter calling the conference "a provocation" and "interference in the internal affairs of the Soviet people."

It is a measure of the quandary in which the Soviet leadership finds itself on the Jewish question, if it has to resort to a rabbinical apologist on the pages of the Soviet Union's leading literary weekly.

Rabbi Israel Schwartzblat is a Talmudic scholar with a long-standing reputation in the Soviet Union.

# LET MY PEOPLE GO

Every day Jews go to Israel from somewhere in the world.  
From lands of discrimination and lands of distress.  
50,000 Jews will go to Israel this year.  
Many will arrive penniless.  
Yet the gates of Israel must remain open.

Who will pay for their transportation, housing, schooling, health and social welfare?

All Israel's money pays for the security of the State.  
We the Jewish people without exception must pay for the Jews to go to Israel.

## HAVE YOU GIVEN? AND DID YOU GIVE IN KEEPING WITH THE NEED?

# JPA SURVIVAL CAMPAIGN FOR ISRAEL



# Conference envoys want Kremlin talk

From our Correspondent  
Paris

The Paris-based presidium of the World Conference of Jewish Communities on Soviet Jewry, which met in Brussels last month, has sent a telegram to Moscow, asking the Soviet Government to receive a delegation to discuss Jewish rights.

Addressed to Mr Alexei Kosygin, the Soviet Prime Minister, the message "respectfully" requested the Soviet Government "to receive a small delegation, representing many Jewish communities, to discuss the rights of Jewish citizens in your country to emigrate, also the cultural and religious possibilities for (your) Jewish community."

"We think an exchange of views could bring an appreciable contribution to mutual comprehension."

The message was signed by Lord Janner and Mr Michael Fidler, MP (Britain); Mrs Rose Halprin, Rabbi Herschel Schacter and Dr William Wexler (United States); Mr Arye L. Pincus and Mr S. Z. Abramov (Israel); Mr David Susskind (Belgium); and Dr Isaac Goldenberg (Argentina).

## Synagogue revived

Jewish communal life has been revived in the small city of Melun, 25 miles south-east of Paris, after a lapse of 850 years.

A synagogue was consecrated there on Sunday, with the participation of the Chief Rabbi of France, Rabbi Jacob Kaplan, and the president of the Consistoire Central, Baron Alain de Rothschild. About 100 families from Melun and district attended the ceremony. Melun was a famous seat of Jewish scholarship during the Middle Ages.

## Dutch spy allowed to go home

Amsterdam

A Dutchman sentenced in Israel to five years' imprisonment early this year for spying, arrived in Holland at the week-end after his release from prison in Tel Aviv on Thursday of last week.

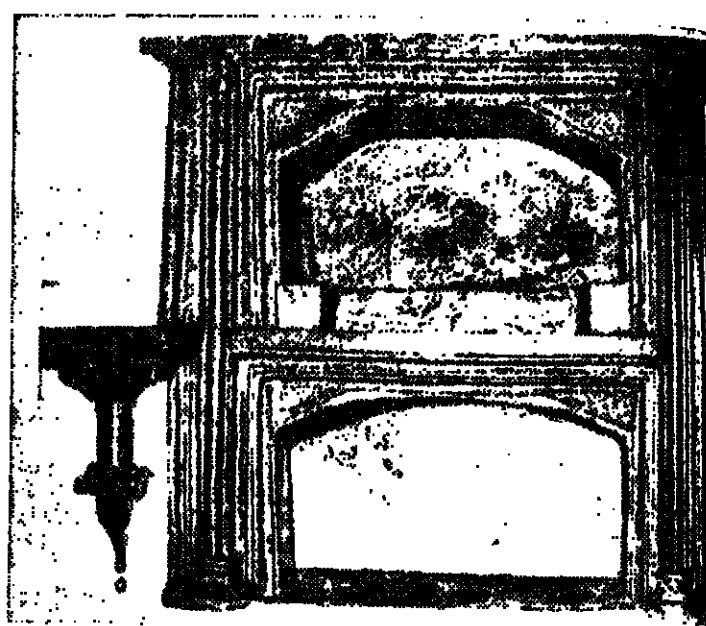
Mr Willem Albert Ruysch, 63, was pardoned by the Israeli President because of his age and bad health.

On his arrival here, he told newsmen that "technically, the Israelis were right, but in fact I had not done anything."

Mr Ruysch said he had gone to Israel for an "ethnological examination of the relations between Arabs and Jews."

He declined to disclose the names of the people for whom he was to have made this examination. They were "a number of Arab friends in Paris," he stated.

He said he had been treated "very decently" during his arrest and trial.—(Reuter)



The picture shows what could have been a loctern (left) and Ark house in the ancient part of Castelo de Vide, Portugal, which our correspondent thinks was a synagogue. The town had a large Jewish population before the Expulsion in 1497 and one of the slopes of the castle is still called "Judaria." One of its streets is Esphoesa da Belvedere locally to be named after the Jewish philosopher Baruch Spinoza.

## Moscow silence on prisoners

From our Correspondent

After nine months' detention of the nine Jewish defendants in the postponed second Leningrad "hijack" trial, relatives are without information about their fate or the right to visit it according to the Jewish Contemporary Library here.

In a statement issued this week, the Library also said that February 8 a few friends who were seeking the right to emigrate.

Approaches to the KGB and the Ministry of the Interior brought no satisfactory reply, while the Communist Party headquarters refused to receive a delegation of the defendants' friends.

Another delegation, made up of more friends who had applied to emigrate, then asked Mr L. N. Smirnov, the chairman of the Russian Supreme Court, for information.

He replied that a decision about the prisoners would be made public within three weeks. But there has been no announcement so far.

The Library's statement also revealed that on Thursday of last week a group of Riga Jews had sought information about these prisoners from the Latvian Council of Ministers. The Prime Minister replied that he knew nothing about them.

They asked him to announce when Jews who had applied to emigrate would be allowed to do so. The Premier's reply to this was that the persons concerned should ask the "competent authorities."

The nine Leningrad Jews arrested on the same day as the aircraft hijacking attempt in June or soon afterwards are Kornblit, 49; Vladimir Mogilevsky, 31; David Chernogolov, 32; Grigori Butman, 38; Lev Kaminsky, 41; Solomon Drenin, 30; Lev Yagman, 31; Anatoly Goldfeld, 25; and Viktor Boglavsky, 31.

## A Caribbean occasion

From a Correspondent  
Charlottesville, Va.

The restored Jewish cemetery here, the chief town on this Caribbean island, was recently consecrated by Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the militant American Jewish Defence League, has been invited to address a public meeting in London.

The invitation comes from the British branch of the International Jewish Defence League, which plans a one-week visit for the early spring.

Rabbi Kahane discussed details of the proposed visit when he was in London for a day, following the Brussels Conference on Soviet Jewry.

He recalled that two ancient Jewish cemeteries recently been restored in his region, in Surinam.

Mr Robert Abrahams, a Philadelphia lawyer, author and poet, who presided, read a poem he composed for the occasion.

## Youths wanted for courses

From our Correspondent

A vigorous appeal has been voiced here by Mr Claude Lerner, the chairman of the Jewish Community Council of Jewish Communities, in support of the campaign to recruit young Europeans for special training at the Hebrew University as community leaders and educationists.

Emphasising that not enough young people were coming to replace members of the generation in communal life, Lerner pointed out that the Jewish population in Russia, which was being held as a Jewish school pupils to go to the three or four years of study.

## HOME NEWS

## Moves to boycott Kiev dancers

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Calls for a Jewish boycott and for demonstrations against the Red Army Ensemble of Kiev have followed last week's disclosure in the Jewish Chronicle that a Jewish impresario is to bring the group on a concert tour of Britain later this month.

The ensemble will appear in London at the Golders Green Odeon, and the boycott call to Jews has been made by two local ministers—the Rev Leslie Handman, of the Hendon Synagogue (United), and Rabbi Dow Marmur, of the North-West London Reform Synagogue.

Rabbi Marmur also asked the impresario, Mr Maurice King, to cancel the tour. He wrote on behalf of the 3,500 Jews in the Golders Green area who were "outraged by the systematic denial of self-expression to the Jews in the Soviet Union."

Mr King refused to cancel the tour because, he said, this would only lead to further tension and misunderstanding.

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## £200,000 school for London

By our Education Correspondent

Official Government approval has been given for aided status for the Yesodei Hatorah girls' primary school in Stamford Hill.

The decision was conveyed to the school governors in a letter from Lord Hailsham, Under-Secretary of State for Education.

The present premises in Amhurst Park are to be demolished, and building work on a new school will commence in July. The new school, which will house 200 girls, is expected to open in September, 1972.

Twenty per cent of the total cost of £200,000 will be provided by the State, with the remainder coming from the school authorities. About £46,000 raised at a recent dinner in aid of the school brought the total reached to date to about £100,000.

It is anticipated that the present staff of twelve will be increased when the new school opens. The headmistress is Mrs M. Rosenthal. On obtaining aided status, the school will be maintained by the Inner London Education Authority.

The girls' primary school is one of five within the Yesodei Hatorah group, whose principal is Rabbi S. S. Pinter.

## Bomb threats over stamp catalogue

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

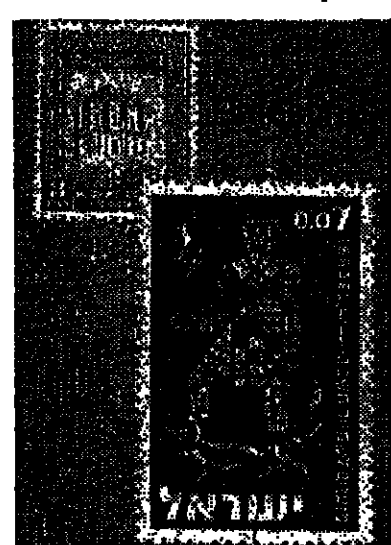
Jordan has banned the Middle East volume of the 1971 Stanley Gibbons stamp catalogue—on the ground that it contains "open propaganda for Israel"—and telephoned bomb threats have been received at the firm's offices in Covent Garden.

Jordan's complaint arises from the fact that, this year, the catalogue has been sectionalised, with one volume issued for "Israel and Palestine—also Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria."

Stanley Gibbons has received no official statement from the Jordanian Government, but it is understood that the firm has no intention of changing the appearance of the catalogue.

Gibbons are expected to tell Jordan that stamp collecting is an international hobby and above politics. This was the reply given to the president of the Iraqi Philatelic Society, Dr Hamdi Ezzat, who complained about the firm in a letter to the Baghdad Observer.

The Arabs contend that Israel is an "illegitimate State" and has no place in the book. Gibbons maintain that Israel is part of the Middle East and that its history is



The cover of the catalogue intervened with that of the Arab States.

A spokesman for the firm stated that Israel was one of the most popular countries among philatelists. The catalogue, which lists more than 450 Israeli stamps, sold well in Israel. Only a few copies were sold in Jordan.

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Lord Janner, chairman of the Board of Deputies' foreign affairs committee, has urged the community not to slacken in its campaign to protest against Soviet policies towards Jews and Israel.

Addressing a meeting at the Blumhouse Synagogue on Monday, he condemned the Soviet Government for its treatment of Russian Jewry and for its blackmailing use of the Jewish population in Russia, which was being held as a Jewish school pupils to go to the three or four years of study.

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## University's new plan for British students

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

A major expansion programme, including a large section for overseas students, is being undertaken by the Hebrew University.

This was reported by its vice-president, Mr Bernard Cherrick, at the annual dinner and ball of the Friends of the university, held at the Hilton Hotel, London, on Sunday.

Mr Cherrick declared that the Hebrew University would never

students would be able to study in English during their first two years, and Latin-American students in Spanish. This, said Mr Cherrick, would circumvent difficulties facing students not knowing Hebrew.

All the speakers paid tribute to a remarkable woman, Mrs Lina Halper who, as chairman of the ball committee, has organised the function since its inception.

Mr Cherrick, Dr J. Jaffe, counsel-



Professor Neuburger (right) in conversation with Mr Cherrick. In the centre is Mrs Halper

leave its Mount Scopus home. "We are back on Mount Scopus and we are there to stay," he said amid loud applause.

The university was expanding as a result of many ambitious and imaginative schemes, which ignored Arab threats and the war of nerves which they were conducting.

A decision had recently been taken to establish a new section for overseas students, a novel feature of which was that English

for economic affairs at the Israeli Embassy, Professor A. Neuburger, chairman of the executive committee of the Friends, and Dr W. Zander, the retiring secretary, all praised her unique qualities and intense devotion to the cause of the university.

Mrs Halper herself announced that the function raised £25,000.

Professor Neuburger also paid tribute to Dr Zander's outstanding work for the Friends, and Dr Zander responded.

## Young Russian's dream comes true

By SIDNEY LIGHTMAN

"For twelve years I wanted to go home to my own country, Israel, and now my dream is coming true. My son, Haim, will grow up in the Jewish State."

With these words, spoken in halting Yiddish, Mr Grigori Katz, who left Moscow on Saturday with his wife and 15-month-old baby, seemed to be trying to convince himself that he had really managed to leave Russia and was not merely dreaming he was free.

He had just been greeted at London Airport by Mr Itzhak Rager, political counsellor at the Israeli Embassy, who had hastened to the airport when news of Mr Katz's arrival reached him.

The scene was charged with emotion. Mr Katz embraced Mr Rager, kissing him on both cheeks, tears of joy in his eyes.

We sat in the almost deserted lounge of the Skyway Hotel, as Mr Katz's wife, Tatiana, put Haim to bed and then went to sleep. Mr Katz himself was far too excited to go to bed, although it was already 1.30 a.m. "I must tell you what happened," he said.

Time and again, since 1958, he told me, he had submitted applications for exit visas for himself and his family. All had been rejected. Then, last week, he was given the visas and told he could leave in a matter of days.

"We packed our bags, bought a ticket for Aeroflot's flight to Vienna and went to Moscow Airport on Saturday," he said. Their luggage was put on the aircraft and they were about to embark when officials called the family aside.

The next three hours seemed like a lifetime. Questions and more questions about why they were leaving were fired at Mr Katz.

Meanwhile, the aircraft left for Vienna with the family's luggage aboard, including the baby's pram.

Then, as suddenly as they appeared, the officials stopped their



Another Soviet Jew allowed to leave Russia for Israel, Major Grigori Feigin, with pupils of the JFS Comprehensive School, London, during his visit there last week

questioning. "All right, you can go," they said, and walked off.

A crowd of Jews had come to the airport to see off the Katzes, as well as a number of other Jews who had been allowed to leave. They were still there when the officials left Mr Katz and knew he had missed his flight.

Without further ado, they had a "whip-round," bought tickets for the next Aeroflot flight—which happened to be for London—and waited until the airliner had taken off with the Katz family aboard.

I asked Mr Katz where he had learned Yiddish. "My grandmother, who is from the Ukraine, and my aunt used to speak Yiddish to me and I picked it up."

Mr Katz said that his grandmother and aunt were now living in the Moscow flat he had left. What did he want to do in Israel?

"I am a dentist," the stocky, powerfully-built, 30-year-old emigrant said. "But I am fit and strong and will do anything."

"I can drive a lorry and I can do labouring work. I don't mind what I do, so long as I can live in Israel, among Jews."

By this time, it was three o'clock on Sunday morning; even the hotel's night staff were looking sleepy. Mr Katz went up to his room to snatch some rest.

That day, Sunday, Mr Rager wanted to put Mr Katz and his wife and child on an El Al flight to Israel. El Al had already agreed to ask three of their passengers to take a later aircraft, as that flight was fully booked.

When Mr Katz heard this, he demurred. "My friend," he told Mr Rager, "I have waited so long to go to Israel that another day will make no difference."

"El Al has a high reputation and I don't want to suffer on my account. Please don't take anyone off the aircraft because of me."

So the Katz family had an extra day in Britain and left for London on Monday, still tired, but smiling happily.

## Militant wives want lower meat prices

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

More than 100 militant Jewish housewives, most of them young, moved into battle in Ilford on Monday, demanding from their kosher butchers and poultryers their pound of flesh at a cheaper price.

This was the first round in their fight against the cost of kosher meat and poultry. They battled bravely against representatives of the meat and poultry trade who formed a panel to explain why prices are so high.

One butcher stated that it cost

cost of kosher and non-kosher meat. But he pointed out that some difference in price was inevitable.

Mr Leon Shaw, a wholesaler, denied that there was a "ring" among the four wholesalers in the kosher market. Butchers, he said, were free to "shop around" and there was no form of bribery.

The housewives' main complaint was that the retailers had not been heard in the arguments. They also alleged that the wholesalers were not disclosing any actual losses and that the retailers were not saying why the cost of meat was high.

The butchers did, in fact, voice their opinions, but said little to pacify the housewives.

At the end the organisers, Ilford Achdut Ladies' Committee, stated: "We are not happy. We are going to press the matter further." A husband added: "What we should do is boycott the butchers for five weeks."



An angry housewife makes her point

him 20p to deliver meat ordered by telephone. The women retorted: "We are coming to collect our meat this week. Will you knock off the 20 pennies?"

Mr J. Brenner, secretary of the London Board for Shechita, agreed with the housewives that there was too great a margin between the

## Chief Rabbi bans prayer book

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

An order of service for Israel's Independence Day, which received the approval of Sir Israel Brodie when he was Chief Rabbi, has been declared "unacceptable" by his successor, Chief Rabbi Jakobovits.

Mr Armin Krausz, who compiled the volume, told me that Rabbi A. M. Rose, executive director of the Chief Rabbi's Office, had "minutely gone through it before it was published to make sure it corresponded with Dr Brodie's wishes."

But this week Rabbi Rose declared: "Mr Krausz's order of service is not halachically acceptable. It deviates too far from what we would approve of in this country."

"Too many prayers have been added. You can't create a form of service except within certain halachic limitations, and Mr Krausz's volume does not conform to the halachic requirements prevailing in Britain."

A furious Mr Krausz, commenting on Dr Jakobovits's decision not to authorise its use in future, asked: "Why is he encouraging each congregation to have its own order of service? This is the way

to create disunity. Why this sectarianism? Why this divisive attitude?"

He added that at least 15 congregations within the United Synagogue had used his order of service since it was published in 1964, and that Dr Jakobovits himself had attended Independence Day services at the Hampstead Garden Suburb Synagogue, where the volume was used.

### Imaginative generosity

Rabbi Rose told me that the Chief Rabbi was in the process of compiling a new order of service for use on Independence Day in synagogues under his jurisdiction.

In a foreword to Mr Krausz's volume, Rabbi Brodie wrote: "... The present publication, which owes so much to the imaginative generosity of Mr Armin Krausz, of Sheffeld, and the scholarly translation and notes of Dr M. Friedlander, is to be welcomed. I trust it

will find acceptance in our communities."

Earlier he wrote: "A special order of service... has been worked out with the sanction of the Israeli rabbinic authorities, which is permissively used in the synagogues in Israel."

"In this country I have requested congregations to introduce appropriate additions to the statutory prayers, some of which have been taken from the order of vice accepted in Israel."

"It has been felt, however, that the religious expression of rejoicing should be expanded and follow a little more fully the form of service which accepted in Israel."

Mr Krausz, in his preface, wrote: "... My efforts would have failed without the support of a wide circle of sincere sympathisers," including Rabbi Brodie, Rabbi Rose, Dr Zerah Wahrhaftig (Israeli Minister for Religious Affairs), and Dr S. Z. Kahana, then Director-General of the Ministry.

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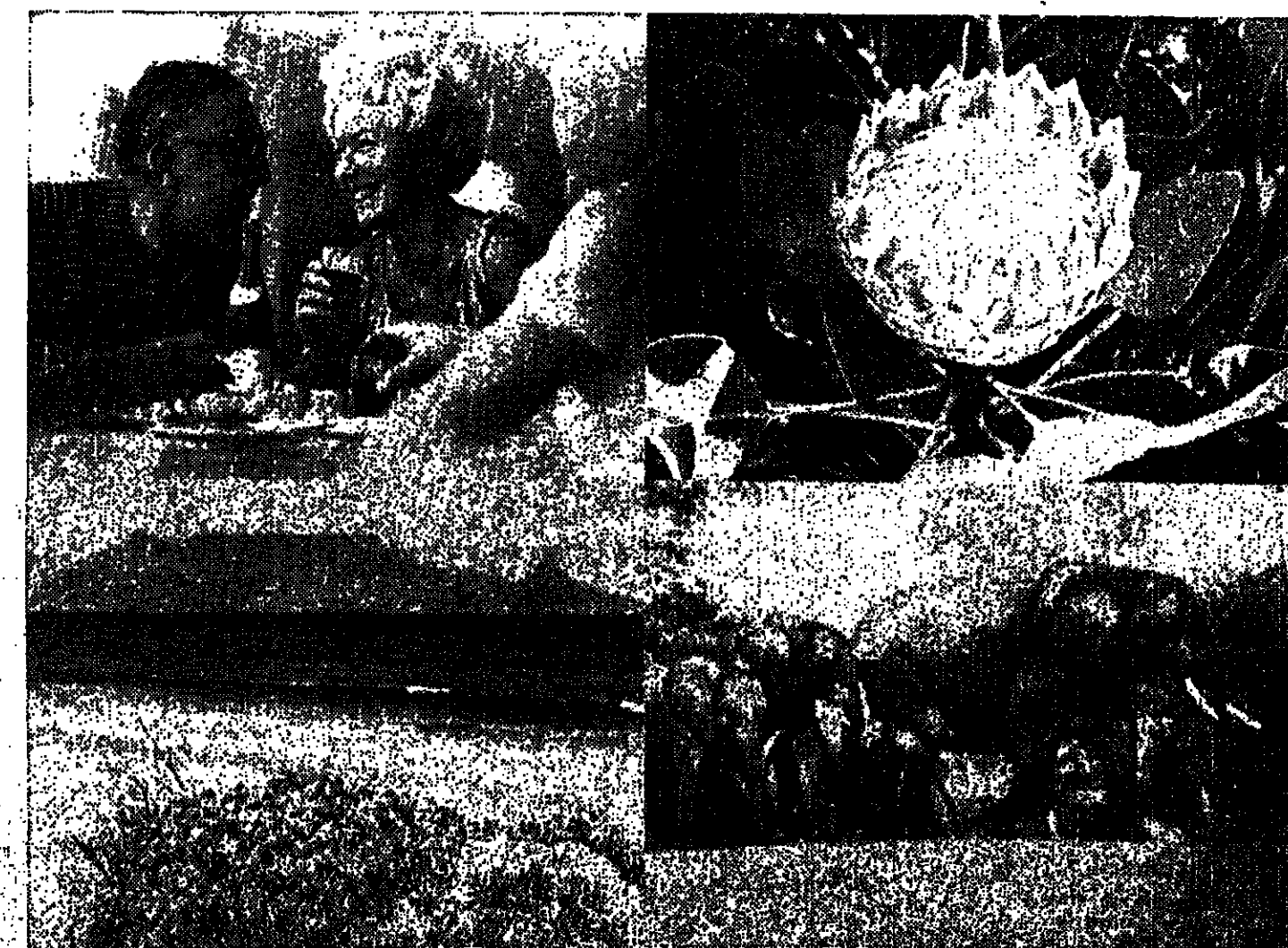
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## Obstacles in divorce

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Organisations which are striving to obtain rabbinical approval for changes in the legal status of Jewish women were given strong support last week at a brains trust organised by the Anglo-Jewish Association.

Taking part in the meeting, held at the Highgate Synagogue, were Mr Clemens Nathan, treasurer of the AJA; Mr David Kessler, chairman and managing director of the Jewish Chronicle; and Dr I. Gordon, senior consultant at the London Jewish Hospital. Mr David Davis presided.

Dr Gordon stated that Jewish women encountered a terrible stumbling-block in the halacha, which caused great hardship—particularly on such issues as divorce.

He suggested that one way out of the problem was to give a Get (bill of divorce) at the time of marriage which would be held in case "by the officiating rabbi."

This matter, according to Mr Kessler, was one which the women's liberation movement would take up. In the diaspora, halacha was a matter of conscience, but in Israel one was beset with the problem.

Mr Nathan agreed that a solution had to be found. The relationship between man and woman had, he said, changed with emancipation.

In connection with the report of a general court of the Jewish Home Hospital at Tottenham, which appeared in our issue of January 26, Mr Martin Aizen, the hospital's secretary, informs us that some of the very amiable terms used by him in his employment with Jewish National Fund.



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## Reform in row over ban on advertisement

From our Correspondent Newcastle

Newcastle's Jewish Representative Council has banned the publication in its official organ, "The Recorder," of an advertisement for a religion teacher for the local Reform synagogue.

This has led to a row lasting five months in the Newcastle Jewish community and has also led to the Reform Synagogue of Great Britain being called into the dispute.

It was last September that the Newcastle Reform Synagogue submitted the advertisement, but the executive of the Representative Council refused to accept it on the grounds that the appearance of such an advertisement "would be offensive to certain members of the Orthodox community."

In January the Representative Council offered to print the advertisement provided the name of the synagogue was omitted and it was published under the name of a private individual. This was not acceptable to the Reform synagogue, which approached the parent organisation for guidance.

### 'Due rights'

The RSGB chairman, Mr. Bernard Davis, wrote to the Council demanding that the Newcastle Reform Synagogue—which is a member of the Representative Council—be accorded its due rights "and that the advertisement be published in its original form."

This the Council, after hearing a report by its president, Dr. Lionel Kopelowitz, refused to do. A resolution was moved and defeated. A further resolution, offering to print the advertisement under the name of a private person, was passed.

A letter was sent by the Reform synagogue two weeks ago to the president of the Board of Deputies, Alderman Michael Fidler, MP, asking him to intervene. To date he has not replied.

A spokesman for the RSGB in London this week told the Jewish Chronicle: "It is an incredible situation that a synagogue cannot advertise for a religion teacher in a communal publication."

It is understood that a meeting of the Representative Council was due to be held yesterday (Thursday), when the subject was due to be reconsidered.



Actress Peggy Mount at Sunday's British premiere of her film, "The Paradise," which raised about £2,000 for the JNF. With her is Mr. La Domb, chairman of the Kingsbury JNF Commission, which sponsored the performance.

## 'Quickie' conversions for Britons in France

Jewish Chronicle Report

"Quickie" conversions of prospective British emigrants to Israel are to be resumed, following talks in London last week between Chief Rabbi Jakobovits and Rabbi Mordechai Kirshblum, associate head of the Jewish Agency's immigration department.

The conversions, however, will still have to be carried out in Marseilles, as the Chief Rabbi continues to ban them in Britain.

The Marseilles conversions were stopped in December after intervention by the British ecclesiastical authorities. The Jewish Agency's methods of converting non-Jewish families intending to emigrate to Israel caused an uproar at December's conference of European rabbis in Rome.

This resulted in an investigation by the Israeli Chief Rabbinate into conversions performed at the Jewish Agency's transit camp in Vienna.

While the investigation found "elements requiring clarification or rectification" in the conversions of East European emigrants in Vienna, it did not challenge the methods applied in Marseilles, where, among others, prospective British emigrants have been converted.

The resumption of conversions of British emigrants is based on Dr. Jakobovits's willingness to endorse anything acceptable to the Israeli Chief Rabbinate. The Chief Rabbi is only concerned that the converts should proceed to Israel and not return to Britain, where their conversions would not be accepted.

According to Rabbi Kirshblum, about 150 people, including up to 30 Britons, are converted in Marseilles every year, following week courses in Judaism.

Although the prospective converts used to receive preliminary instruction while still in the country, the Chief Rabbi's forced the Jewish Agency to accommodate them, together with their families, for six weeks in their Marseilles camp for the conversion courses.

Dr. Jakobovits told me that he did not know of the Marseilles conversions until fairly recently. I added that he was not present at the Rome conference, where the conversions came in for such criticism.

Two members of the London Beth Din, Dayan A. I. Gross and Dayan A. Rapoport, as well as Dayan I. Golditch, of Marseilles, and Dayan M. Fisher, acting Rashi of the Federation of Synagogues, attended the Rome conference.

Dr. Jakobovits's objections to conversions being carried out in Britain were based on differences in the requirements of the British and Israeli Chief Rabbinate.

He was afraid that Marseilles type conversions, if performed in Britain, could easily provide a refuge for those who intended to remain here.

Our Paris correspondent reports that Jewish Agency officials in France are disputing Rabbi Kirshblum's assertion that 150 people are converted there every year. M. Giladi, the agency's director in France, stated that only two or three conversions were carried out in Marseilles every month.

## Synagogue should speak out

Jewish Chronicle Report

Anglo-Jewry should give the Synagogue a voice in political issues affecting Israel, Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld, chairman of the Israel Commission of the Rabbinical Council of America, said in London last week.

He was taking part, together with Chief Rabbi Jakobovits and Mr. E. Ruppin (Minister at the Israeli Embassy), in a symposium held by the United Synagogue's Israel committee at the Finchley Synagogue.

Replying to Rabbi Schonfeld's contention, Dr. Jakobovits stated that the situation in Britain was different from that in the United States. The Board of Deputies would take greatly amiss any move by the Synagogue to assume the role of lobbyist or to protest about political issues.

He agreed, however, that the voice of the Synagogue in the diaspora on religious affairs in Israel could be more effective and persuasive than the secular one.

Rabbi Schonfeld, who is the Chief Rabbi's brother-in-law, said that without the Synagogue's power and source of strength it could be no successful activity on behalf of Israel. "American Jewry speaks out through, and because of, its synagogues," he declared.

He saw no reason why activities could not be undertaken in Britain. The synagogue, he said, had become the spokesman for Anglo-Jewry; issues other than religious and political policies—particularly those affecting the religious of diaspora Jewry—could be left to the secular or political organisations.

Mr. Ruppin appealed to religious communities in the diaspora to help Israel's needs. He was perplexed, he said, by the situation in Israel, where the younger generation was brought up on the secular, despite the fact that he was not sure the inner beliefs of these people were not Jewish.

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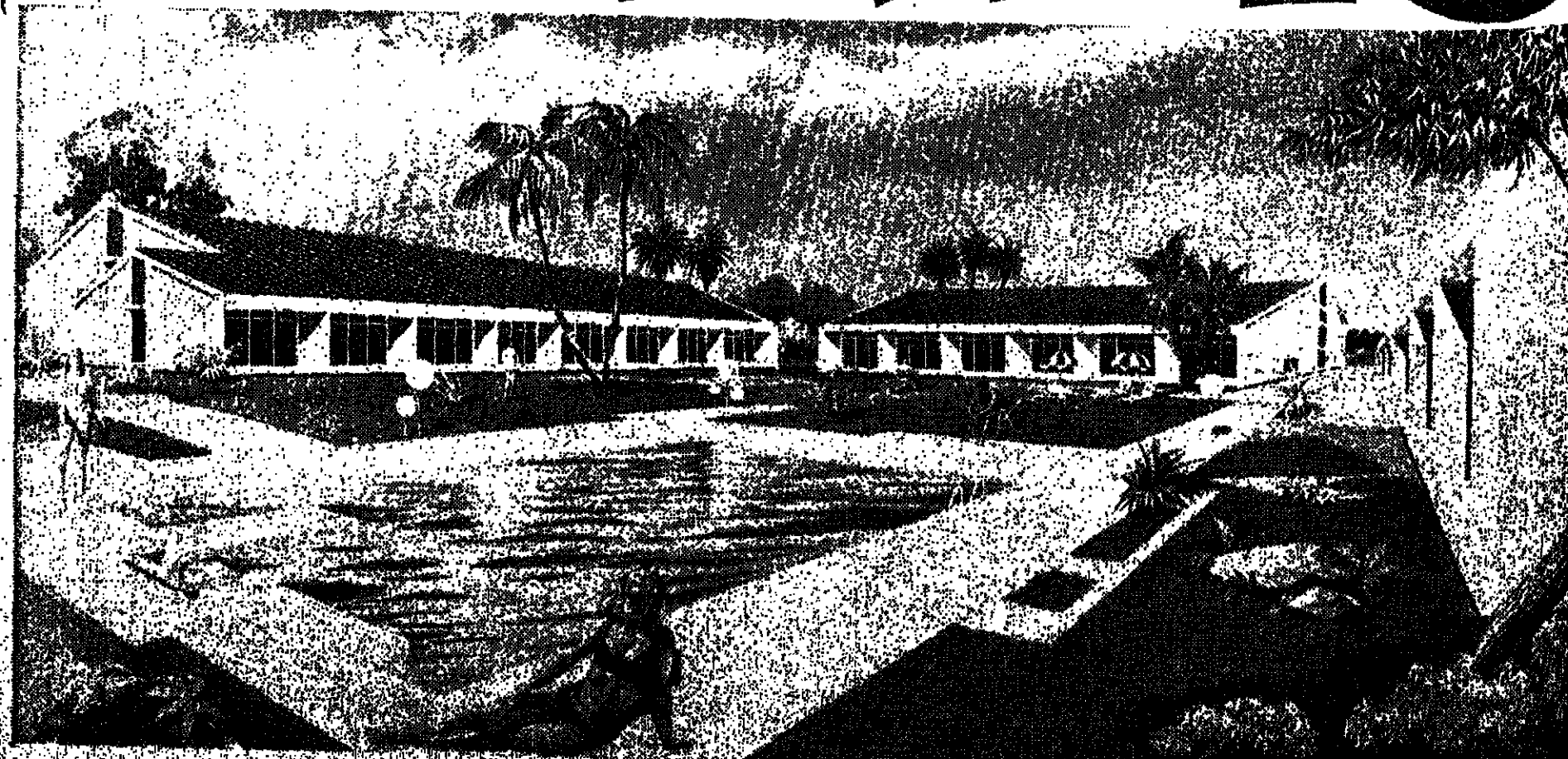








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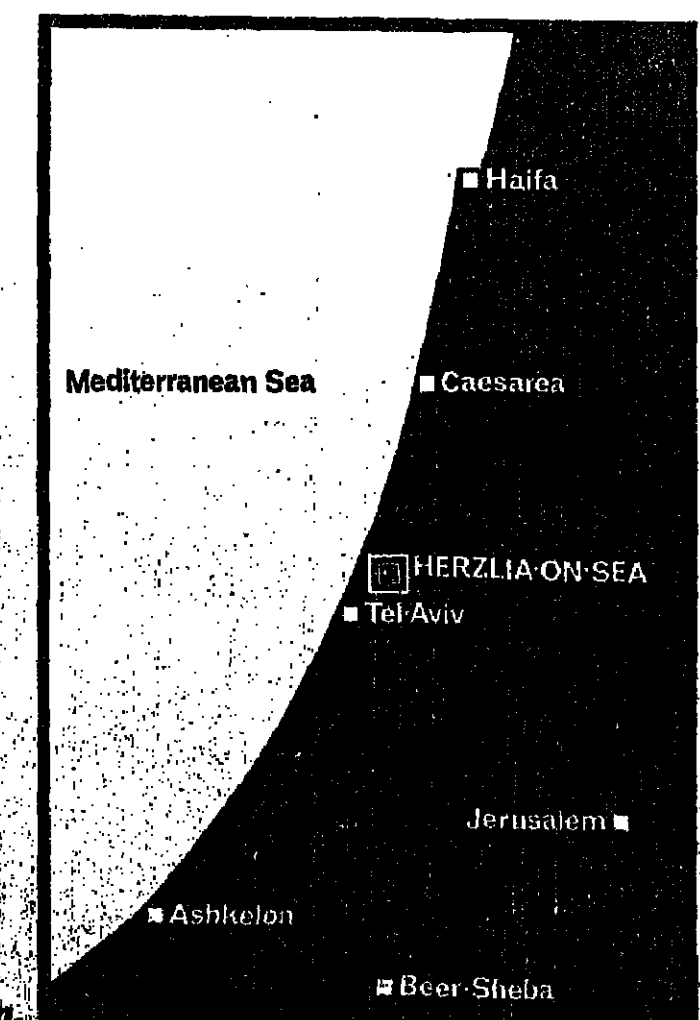
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## Security remains paramount

THOUGH PRESIDENT SADAT has not renewed the ceasefire, he is continuing the Egyptian "peace offensive," alternating diplomacy with the threat of force. The effect of these tactics on Israel (whatever may be their public relations effect elsewhere) is to deepen suspicions of Egypt's real intentions. As a result, Israel increasingly appears to be dragging her feet and is chided for failing to reciprocate the concessions which Egypt appears to be offering.

It is possible that the Israeli Government is not spelling out its reasons for caution quite clearly enough. The first reason is that there is still no real certainty that Egypt, dominated by Russia, wants a genuine peace settlement, and Sadat's refusal to renew the ceasefire is not reassuring. Secondly, each of Sadat's "concessions" has a hook on it. The reopening of the Suez Canal was linked with an Israeli withdrawal. The use of the Canal by Israel was made dependent on Israel's acceptance of the Arab solution of the Palestinian refugee problem. In proposal after proposal Sadat has

demanding prior acquiescence by Israel in conditions which are properly subjects for the give and take of negotiations.

Many have written about Israel's "obsession" with security. But no country in the world would take avoidable risks about its security, which means its existence and the lives of its inhabitants. And Israel, which has had bitter experiences in the withdrawal of Unef in 1967, in the failure of the Powers to reopen the Gulf of Akaba at that time and in the total absence of support in the 1948-49 War of Independence, will not lightly give up the right to defend herself and be responsible for her own security. There is an illuminating example in the case of France, which is foremost among those nations urging Israel to entrust her security to others. Yet, in the interests of security as she saw it, France withdrew her own armed forces from all operative roles in Nato and developed her own nuclear deterrent, rather than depend on that of the United States.

Israel is right to take a realistic view

of the need for defensible frontiers and reliance upon her own strength. Outside guarantees are not excluded, but they can only be a supplement to and not a replacement for Israel's self-help. It has often been pointed out that Israel is not interested in territorial expansion but that its borders, after three wars, should be those which offer the greatest prospect of security. Mr Eban has recognised the principle of withdrawal without any prior condition at all. The greater the security offered, the greater will be the withdrawal.

Those countries which, for reasons of their own national interest, support Egyptian efforts to secure complete Israeli withdrawal as a pre-condition for peace talks, are sacrificing a long-term international gain for the short-term national advantages in currying Arab favour. For the longer they enable Egypt to hope for outside intervention as an alternative to peace negotiations, the longer will peace be delayed and the greater the chance of a renewal of warfare in the meantime.

## 'Quickie converts'

Chief Rabbi Jakobovits has accepted the Jewish Agency's representations as to the validity of expedited conversions in Marseilles. His condition, however, is that none of the converts (who include a sizeable number of British Jews) should infiltrate back into this country. The argument is that in Israel converts, however perfunctorily admitted, will in any case be assimilated into a Jewish atmosphere, whereas in Britain they would only dilute the community's tenuous Jewishness. One could, of course,

argue the opposite. Israel is in ways the most secularised Jewish community in the world, while those minority among non-Jews, far from diluting our already lax standards, would be more likely to give a fillip and some fervour. Be this as it may, the "quickie conversion" episode serves to highlight the inconsistency of Orthodox attitudes to converts and need for a radical rethinking of whole problem.

## Provocative show

Many members of the community, perturbed about the forthcoming visit of the Red Army Ensemble and anxiously discussing what should be done. Some well-meaning people say that cultural exchanges can do only good. But is the visit of the Ensemble to such an occasion, or rather simply Soviet propaganda exercise? Certainly the latter is the more credible intention, yet even so, boycotts should not be undertaken lightly. If it is felt they do more harm than good, if they succeed, they may simply provoke counter-measures. Yet it seems that Jews and all those who abhor Soviet repression inside their own country, their military adventures outside, should refrain from attending these performances. A public performance in Gade Green, one of the largest centres of Jewish population, is hardly less provocative at this time of heightened tension than the incursion there of a semitic political group, and it is hoped that the organisers will at least reconsider this aspect of the visit. In any event, it is important that conspicuous Jewish abstention be dignified, not violence or provocative behaviour, only harm the cause we espouse.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Orthodoxy and Progressive Judaism

Sir.—Rabbi J. Rayner, in your March 5 issue, states that "Progressive Judaism... strive to remain within established congregations... seceding only when all their pleas for even the most modern reforms had been turned down..."

This is not a correct interpretation of events. He is no doubt referring to the schism of 1840, when the Mahamad of the Spanish and Portuguese congregation interdicted a move for change in the prayer book and the building of a synagogue within six miles of Bevis Marks. Had, in fact, Berkeley Street continued the tenets of traditional Judaism, complete reconciliation would have followed.

What we are here concerned with is the "Progressive Judaism" imported into Britain from Germany and the United States, whence came Dr I. Mattuck, the real creator of British Liberal Judaism, in 1912. Here are some of its tenets, as found in Rabbi Rayner's textbook, "The Practices of Liberal Judaism (1962)."

"Now the pursuit of truth... has, in fact, forced Liberal Judaism to abandon... the absolute authority of Bible and Talmud" (p. 3).

"If the Jewish method of slaughter can be shown to be more humane than any other... then we should urge its adoption by Jews and non-Jews alike... in consequence Liberal Judaism does not require the observance of the Dietary Laws" (p. 24).

"Some Liberal Jews feel that the institution of circumcision raises serious difficulties... Those who, like the present author, are disturbed by these objections, cannot attach any intrinsic religious significance to circumcision" (p. 41).

"It does, however, grant a remarriage to the innocent party of a civil divorce—in the case of a woman, whether or not she has received the Get" (p. 53).

"In the case of men (prose-lytes) circumcision is not insisted upon" (p. 54).

"But because Liberal Judaism does not observe the same rules and regulations as Orthodox Judaism, the precepts admitted by us are not necessarily recognised as such by the Orthodox authorities" (p. 49).

I leave it to your readers to decide whether a movement based on these principles is divisive of Anglo-Jewry and whether Orthodox Jewry, while co-operating with the non-Orthodox in social matters, is illogical in refraining from co-operation in the religious field.

SALMOND S. LEVIN.  
72 Bridge Lane, N.W.11.

### Why a sacrilege?

Sir.—In his article in your February 28 issue, Dr Jakobovits criticises the Progressives for not being tolerant of the dictates of the Orthodox conscience which forbids them to attend our services. No Progressive Jew would wish to compel a person to act against his conscience. It is apparent, however, that most Orthodox Jews in England can attend these services without loss of conscience.

The Progressives do not stand or fall on the Chief Rabbi's association with them. If he does not wish to worship with us that's his business and his right. But let him not be surprised at public attack and loss of public sympathy when he castigates his members for attending Progressive services or when he associates himself with those who call it a "sacrilege."

When a Reform synagogue is the venue for a memorial service in honour of the Rumanian martyrs, we neither want nor need the Chief Rabbi's recognition, but we deeply resent his attacks which state that our attitudes and teachings place us "outside authentic Judaism."

Also, if Dr Jakobovits is right that our attitudes and teachings place us "outside authentic Judaism," why should he as an ecclesiastical authority of the Board of Deputies allow it to have among its membership congregations of Jews who believe in Progressive Judaism? And if they are there as full members, why should not their rabbinic leadership have a right to be consulted on all matters which concern them?

The very fact that Progressives are supporting the "secularisation" of the board indicates that they do not wish to make of it a battleground for religious conflict.

between themselves and the Orthodox.

Finally, one could ask the Chief Rabbi how he can invite representatives of Liberal and Reform synagogues and national organisations to his functions and services if he does not accept their synagogues as synagogues? He is certainly not inviting us in our personal capacity but as the leaders of our religious communities.

The fact is that he wants us to come because it bolsters his own pretension to represent the entire Jewish community. But Dr Jakobovits must accept that he cannot both have his cake and eat it. If he claims to be head of religious Anglo-Jewry he must recognise all its sections as integral and authentic parts of the community.

(Rabbi) SIDNEY BRICHTO,  
109 Whitfield Street,  
London, W.1.

### Jewish postcards

Sir.—At the Victoria and Albert Museum until January 31 there was an exhibition called "50 Years of Postcards 1870-1920." In the entire collection I could find only one "Jewish" card—a New Year postcard in the section "Fables of Children" photomontage 1903-1906.

The picture shows a child with large wings with a large pair of scales in one of which sits a man and the other scale is full of money, under which is printed (in Hebrew) *Leshana tova tikatevu*.

The Jewish Museum has a series of 56 postcards, printed on the Continent probably at the end of the last century, depicting various aspects of Jewish religious life by Hermann Funker, and they are extremely interesting, but apparently space prevents their display and they can be seen only on request.

There must be many such postcards of specific Jewish interest, and if any of your readers would let me know of any in their possession, it might be possible to arrange a small display of "50 years of Jewish postcards" at a suitable place in the near future.

REINGAS L. MAY,  
1 Denington Park Road,  
N.W.4.

### Jews' College curriculum

Sir.—In view of the unjustified remarks of Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld (reported in your March 5 issue), it is necessary for us, as representatives of the academic staff and of the student body, to correct the completely erroneous view which may have been created by these irresponsible utterances.

Rabbi Schonfeld visited the college for a mere two or three hours, in which period he had lunch and then proceeded to lecture to the students largely on the subject of his own activities in his comparatively small community.

To our knowledge he engaged in no discussion with any member of the staff on the subject of the college's programme of studies. Nor did he hold any discussion with the students which might have afforded him the opportunity to assess their capabilities.

Consequently, his reported comments are no more than the rash and thoughtless utterances of a

man whose visit to our institution could hardly have permitted him to form any opinion save as to the subject of the college's curriculum and the décor of the students' common room.

No institution is beyond criticism, nor should it reject any and well-founded criticism which might contribute to its future welfare. However, received utterances maligning who, under difficult circumstances, have endeavoured to maintain the college's high standards of scholarship, serve no creative purpose, and do little credit to its author.

ELI CASHIDAN, secretary;  
IRVING JACOBSON, lecturer;  
DAVID A. FRIEDMAN, president, students' union;  
LEONARD JACOBSON, vice-president.

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### Women's hostel

Sir.—The letter in your February 28 issue gives me the opportunity to inform the community of our plans to establish a hall of residence for women students which will bear the names of the Emeritus Chief Rabbi, Sir Israel Brodie, and Lady Brodie, and which will be situated at 1011 Finchley Road, NW11 (a short distance from Golders Green Station).

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Living accommodation will be available for 18 students and there will be lecture rooms, common rooms, library and an assembly hall. There will also be a resident warden and matron.

A considerable number of applications have already been received. This project is one of Jews' College's many efforts to expand

teacher training, and it is supported by the establishment of the college to encourage recruitment particularly from the provinces both for our Institute for the Training of Teachers and for the course in Jewish studies which is now commenced at the Teachers' College of Education.

I would be happy to furnish readers with further information if they would telephone 01-2641-2.

FRANK H. L. JACOBSON,  
secretary,  
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Montagu Square, W.1.

### Pesach requirements

Sir.—We have asked you to let us know if they require any help for the Sederim of whole of Pesach. I would be grateful if families willing to afford such help would contact us.

GERALD H. JACOBSON,  
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# Brides & Homes

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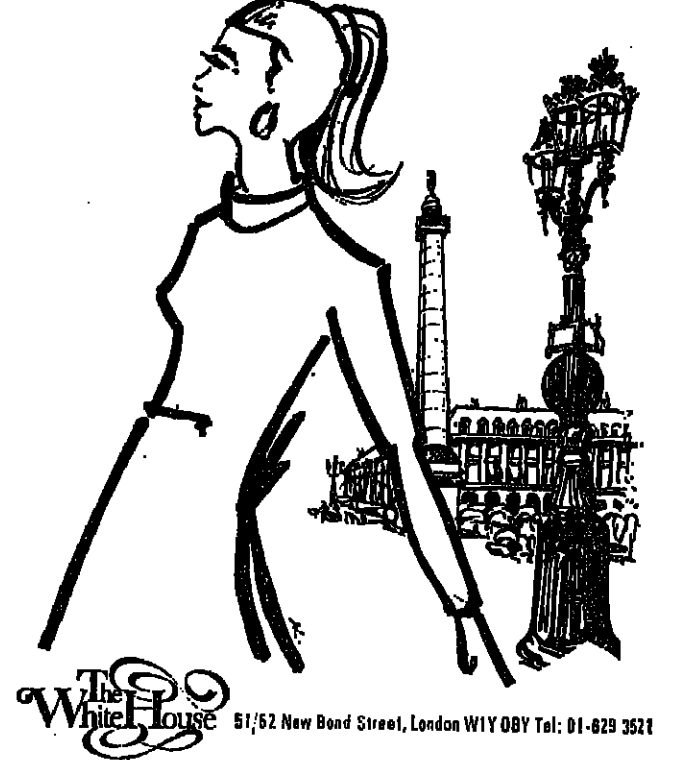






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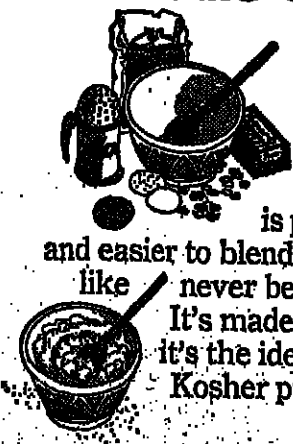
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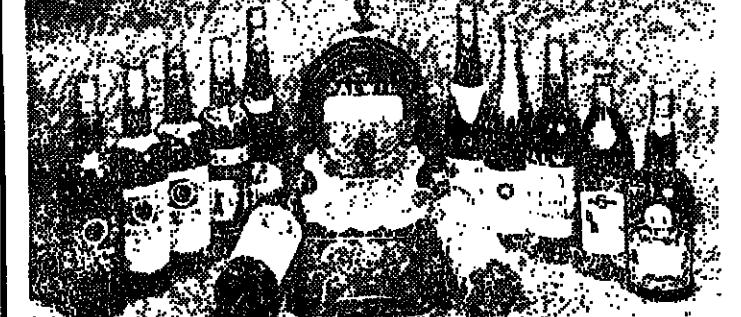


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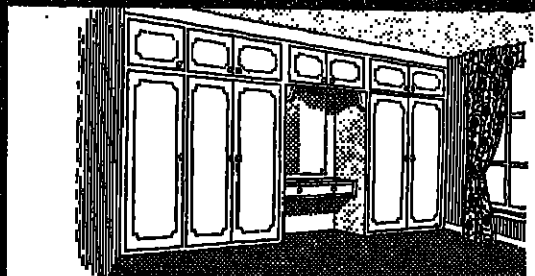
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The name indicated a band of hopelessly out-of-date fuddy-duddies, who would be preoccupied with religious laws and recipes for cholent and would not even recognise modern pre-marriage difficulties such as sexual and emotional adjustment, coping with the in-laws and successfully balancing a modest budget.

But I was wrong; the council do understand these worries—and many more besides. And they are concerned, even for those renegades who don't go to shool and don't even keep kosher—the fact that they're about to enter Jewish marriage is qualification enough for them. No problem is too great—or too small—for them to look at.

Under the guidance of educationist Margaret Fagan, they work away with a vast fund of imagination, the minimum of cash and a truly dedicated team of experts—doctors, counsellors, psychiatrists, accountants, rabbinical consultants and lawyers—all of whom give their services completely free. There is even a hypnotherapist.

Much depends on the council's permanent staff, of course—and these are characterised by a real warmth, a surprising broad-mindedness and an ever-present sense of humour, qualities which more than anything else must be responsible for the huge success of the organisation.

What success? A positive triumph, in my opinion, that in this apathetic day they manage to draw hundreds of young couples into the synagogues for marriage preparation courses.

Young trendies who came to the first session purely out of curiosity, and found it so immensely practical and helpful, decided to come again—and again.

Mrs Fagan, who prefers to talk in an easy-chair by the fire than to make pronouncements from behind her large office desk, is vitally concerned with marriage in every aspect, all the more so because the Jewish divorce rate is zooming alarmingly.

Prevention is just as important as cure, in her opinion, and she believes that the marriage preparation courses, which run continually in synagogues all over London and Manchester,



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The counsellors running the course are experienced, practical men and women, who believe in talking to, not at, their audiences; thus every session turns into a useful, informal discussion group and couples are encouraged to bring their special worries out into the open.

Boys come to the talks as readily as their fiancées. I discovered—a fact which certainly came as surprise number three—"There are lots of things they want to discuss on their own," explained Mrs Fagan; "questions about money and mortgages, and how to manage a budget."

"It's amazing how little many of them know, even the most worldly of them. They live at home and they know nothing about the price of meat."

"We run whatever talks they want, while the girls are concerned with cookery, or home décor, or whatever. Of course, the girls want to talk about money and mortgages and their salaries, too."

The classes, important as they are, form only a small part of the council's work. Individual marriage counselling is another very important function, whether it is an active rescue operation of "marriage-on-the-rocks" or simply helping a young engaged girl over a bout of "pre-marital tension."

"This tension is a real, and increasing, symptom, which should not be laughed at or ignored," Mrs Fagan points out. "We get endless cases of boys and girls suddenly exploding just weeks before the wedding day and deciding they just can't

go through with it after all."

"Very often, the tension caused by pressure—pressure from parents, in many cases over the guest lists and plans, over difficulties with in-laws, and over all sorts of minor problems which should have been heaped at couples' heads in the first place."

"We can talk to the couple and reassure them, and we can help them to contact their parents, too. They are surprisingly helpful. When we go down to it, all they really want is their children's happiness."

Despite the counselling and time-consuming side-livelihoods, such as the publication of a highly successful glossy magazine, "Jeh Bride," and a brides' club, the council could not get into the Jewish schools, but we need to get them when they are young—say 12 or 13—so the first questions about relationships are forming in their minds. We hope to start at Jewish schools by autumn.

"The other thing we are deeply like to start is a marriage bureau—strictly non-profit-making, of course. We have so many letters and hands, so many people who want the means to help. We got the plans all beautifully worked out, what we need is a capital sum to help us to get it up."

"Like everyone else these days, we're struggling constantly to make ends meet. As by means of marriage, to be an ever-diversifying community together."

SUSAN DAVIDSON

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ST. PAUL'S Cathedral defended against Jewish protest marchers. Jews chased out of the Duke's Place Synagogue by police with truncheons. It all sounds highly unlikely, but it happened less than 80 years ago, and is recorded in a fascinating collection of letters and newspaper cuttings sold by auction at Phillips Son & Neale last week.

The documents were amassed over a period of five years by one Louis Lyons, militant leader of the Jewish Unemployed Committee, which at that time represented over 10,000 out-of-work and destitute East End Jews.

The first document, dated March, 1889, is an advertisement for a protest march of "Jewish unemployed and sweaters' victims" to the Great Synagogue, where the then Chief Rabbi occupied the pulpit. To force the Chief Rabbi's hand the handbill announced that he would preach a Sabbath sermon on sweated labour and the unemployed on March 16.

That Saturday a procession of some 300 to 400 unemployed set out from Berners Street behind a German brass band which played out the "Marseillaise" and other revolutionary hymns. When they reached the synagogue they were turned away by a strong cordon of police. Before dispersing, the demonstrators passed a resolution condemning the Chief Rabbi and "certain members of the Jewish community" who "indulged in labour sweating" and ending with a call for the overthrow of capitalism.

Meanwhile, inside the besieged synagogue the service proceeded as usual. The sermon delivered by the Rev I. S. Meisels was mainly devoted to combating conversionism in the East End.

PAMELA MELNIKOFF describes the bitter clash between Jewish socialists and leaders of the Great Synagogue in the East End of London some eighty years ago.

To the protesters outside he gave short shrift:

"Are they, perhaps, the first, or the only people on earth who are not doing well who seek work and cannot get it, who find it hard, perhaps very hard, to maintain themselves, their wives and children? Can we, is it possible for anyone to go through life without tasting of its bitter as well as of its sweet?"

The words were not calculated to endear the "Establishment" to the unemployed or to the sweated Jewish labour, while any sympathy among the Orthodox for the protesters was lost by the blatant desecration of the Sabbath. Later in the afternoon fighting broke out outside the workers' headquarters in Berners Street. Several persons were injured and arrests were made.

Three years later Lyons proposed to hold a three-day barefoot march of Jewish unemployed. He further called on the Chief Rabbi to put pressure on unjust Jewish employers by reading out their names in synagogue, and to allow union leaders to preach Labour sermons from the pulpits.

That month Dr Adler received a deputation from the Unemployed Committee, addressing them as "fellow working men"—since, as he jocularly and somewhat facetiously pointed out, he worked longer hours than any of them. He urged them to call off the barefoot march, since

it would only endanger their health and expose them to ridicule.

He further added that the numbers of the unemployed were greatly exaggerated; that Jewish welfare and charitable institutions existed to help them; that he could not publicly denounce Jewish employers, and that no lay person was permitted to preach from a synagogue pulpit. The deputation withdrew muttering.

This event was widely publicised in both the Jewish and the national press. The Jewish Chronicle, while calling for more humanity and less officialdom in dealing with the poor, commended Dr Adler's firmness, adding: "The truth is that whatever efforts are made by the working classes to improve their condition ought to be made on a purely unsectarian basis. Special interference by Jews for Jews cannot be too strongly deprecated."

The Jewish World was more concerned with the atheistic tendencies of the "professional Jewish agitator," whose influence, it added, was a growing force in the East End.

"While the recognised teachers in Jewry have always taught the fear of God and the supremacy of the law of the land, the new leaders of Labouring Israel openly preach atheism and anarchy. Could this have occurred if our spiritual agencies in the East End had been equal to their duties? Obviously not."

The Chief Rabbi was to know little peace. That same month he rejected a demand from the committee that he call a conference of Jewish ministers and trade union leaders to discuss methods of dealing with unemployment.

Louis Lyons responded by calling a mass meeting of unemployed on Tower Hill, where

of Elz Chaim and the Bachad Fellowship and, as he is uncertain in which capacity he functions at any one particular time, if not all three at once, he has kept out of the whole affair. The matter therefore rests with Dr Homa, and he is unlikely to rest until there is a Machzikle Hadath in Golders Green and pleasant land. And so in the meantime there is no MH, no Elz Chaim and no Youth Club, while the weeds grow high in Bridge Lane.

I can see two possible solutions to the impasse: either the synagogue in Brick Lane will collapse of its own accord and release capital for the Brick Lane site or Dr Homa will come to his senses. I can see the building collapsing first.

The Krausz machzor, which has been in use in our shool since they first instituted Independence Day services five or six years ago, has now been proscribed as non-kosher.

Just in time too. If it had remained in use another year or so it would have become established as a tradition, and tradition in Judaism, no matter how irregular in origin, is as good as law.

But what has happened to all those prayers which my fellow congregants and I offered up over all those years? Are they to be considered hull and void, or worse, were we, in our innocent zeal, guilty of an act of desecration, to wit, uttering a counterfeit many?

To guard against any such similar mishap I would suggest that in future all kosher machzorim carry the hallmark of the Machzikle Hadath, namely, the chain and pointer, thus the imprimatur of the Ecclesiastical Authorities.

BEN AZAR

# The siege of Duke's Place



The interior of the Great Synagogue (circa 1880) and its Chief Rabbi, Dr Hermann Adler, who was the target for vigorous attacks by Jewish socialist activists at the end of the nineteenth century



he accused the rich Jews of the community of ignoring and sneering at their poor brethren, called on the Jewish poor to refuse to pay their rents, and alleged that they were being forced to sell their children for bread. Reporting the demonstration, some of the national press seized the opportunity to call for a halt to further Jewish immigration.

In January, 1894, Mr Lyons led a deputation of unemployed to the offices of the Jewish Board of Guardians, where they were refused an immediate distribution of funds. Later that month, a large number of unemployed Jews entered the Duke's Place Synagogue and asked to see the Chief Rabbi, but were evicted by police with truncheons.

The Evening News commented: "It is impossible to evade the sensation of indignant disgust, when we read of a mob of foreign Jews creating a riot in their own synagogue because their Chief Rabbi cannot provide

them with food or work. It is bad enough having these people coming here to undersell our own workers."

Further demonstrations followed, and soon the London police force had to be specially augmented. Fruitless meetings were held with the Board of Guardians, who pointed out that their purpose was to relieve suffering, not to provide work. The "JC" appealed for a more scientific approach to industrial problems.

The climax came in February, when it was rumoured that a scheduled mass meeting of Jewish unemployed in Trafalgar Square was to end with the seizure of St. Paul's Cathedral. A police force was sent to defend the cathedral, and tourists found their pilgrimages disrupted, but—as the press later reported with some amusement—"no hostile Hebrews" turned up.

At this exciting point in the story, the collection of documents abruptly ends.

## PERSONAL OPINION

THE LUBAVITCHER Rebbe has called for an end to anti-Russian demonstrations. He regards them as ineffective in themselves and dangerous to the very existence of Russian Jewry. The whole issue, he feels, should be left to silent diplomacy.

But silent diplomacy has been the rule for nearly 20 years, not merely as a tactic, but because for a long time Jews were unwilling—sometimes even unable—to think ill of Soviet Russia. Russia was the rock on which Hitler's might foundered. An influential section of the Zionist movement felt ideological affinities with Russia. Russia was among the first to recognise the State of Israel, and I doubt if the Czech People's Republic would have supplied the nascent Jewish State with arms in 1948 without the approval and support of the Soviet Union.

There are, moreover, powerful sentimental reasons. I attended a concert given by the Red Army Ensemble last time it was here (I shall not be going this time), and I should imagine that about half of the vast audience was Jewish, sitting back with glad eyes, joining in the glorification of the music with enthusiasm, singing with ecstasy. This for them was no mere musical occasion but a whiff of der heim, a heim from which their fathers and grandfathers may have fled for their lives, but heim none the less.

One cannot live for a thousand years in a place without some part of it becoming ingrained in one's soul. Jews would have loved to love Russia but circumstances have rarely permitted them to do so. One of the great traumas of modern Jewish history has been the realisation

that as far as Jewry is concerned, the commissars are hardly different from the Tsars.

We have, as a result, remained silent for too long, and even when we began to cry out we did so with much hesitancy. One doesn't know how far the demonstration will succeed—certainly if they are too many and too clamorous they must prove self-defeating but silence has been given its chance and it has failed.

The Machzikle Hadath has a useless property on a valuable site in Brick Lane which it cannot dispose of because it happens to be a scheduled property of historical interest (an eighteenth-century Huguenot dog-house, in fact). It also has a valuable site in Bridge Lane, N.W.11, which it cannot make use of because it hasn't the money.

Two other organisations are casting greedy eyes on Bridge Lane. One is the Elz Chaim Yeshiva, which would like to erect a stately home on it but which hasn't the money to build a dog-house and the other is the Bachad Fellowship which wants to build a youth centre and which—miracle of miracles—has the money, but to which the Machzikle Hadath is unwilling to sell.

The MH is yearning to see its name perpetuated in a sacred edifice in North-West London. Elz Chaim could have such a building as part of its structure, a youth club could not.

Now the MH is substantially too amiable and respected septuagenarians—Mr Abba Bornstein and Dr Bernard Homa. The former is also on the executive

## ASK THE RABBI

What are the earliest and latest times one can recite the shachrit, mincha and maariv prayers (a) on weekdays (b) on Sabbath and festivals?

The times of the daily prayers are recorded in the Mishna (Berachot 4, 1) and there has been much subsequent discussion on the subject. (Many of the Chasidim, for example, although otherwise strictly observant Jews, disregarded the rules concerning the times of prayer because of their stress on prolonged preparation before the prayers begin).

As recorded in the Shulchan Aruch the following are the times of the prayers: shachrit can be recited from the time the first streaks of dawn appear (though ideally, it should not be recited before sunrise) until a third of the day. (If it has not been recited by then it can still be recited until half the day, but this is considered very inadequate.) Mincha can be recited from half past twelve until nightfall but ideally should be recited from two and a half hours to an hour and a quarter before nightfall in a twelve-hour day (i.e. the day is divided into twelve equal portions each of which is treated as an "hour").

Maariv can be recited from an hour and a quarter (of a twelve-hour day as above) before nightfall until sunrise. There is a solitary view that Maariv can be recited even earlier, but this is not generally accepted. There is no difference in these times between weekdays and Sabbath and festivals, though on the latter it is mainly

recited before nightfall, when the Sabbath and the festivals are coming to an end, work is forbidden, of course, until nightfall.

What is the origin and significance of the custom known as Shalom Zachor, the first Friday night celebration of the birth of a male child before the eighth day and the eating on that occasion of hobelach, round beans?

The Talmud (Baba Kama 80a) refers to a feast of shavua habena (the week of the son). The fifteenth-century German authority, R. Israel Isserlein, identifies this with the custom in his day of celebrating the Shalom Zachor (Terumat HaDeshen, 289).

Why is it called Shalom Zachor? Two reasons are given. One is that zachor means "Remember (the Sabbath day)," i.e. a party is held on the Sabbath before the Brit so that the mitzva of the Sabbath is added to that of the Brit and all will be well (Shalom). The second reason states that the word should be read as zachor, a male, in which case there is no direct connection with the Sabbath but the party is held on Friday night simply because this is a convenient time since people are then at home.

The sources do not refer to the eating of hobelach but to lentils. The somewhat curious reason given for the custom is that lentils are eaten in a house of mourning. It is said that the soul of the infant mourning in that it has been compelled to come from the world of truth into this world of error.

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## book reviews

### In defence of God

LOUIS JACOB

HIS OWN TORAH. Selected Papers and Sermons of Felix A. Levy: A Memorial Volume, edited by Salton D. Lamm. Jonathan David, New York, \$10. The Royal Reach, by Norman Lamm, Feldheim, New York, \$0.95. Judaism: Ethics, edited by Daniel Jeremy Silver. Ktav, New York, \$10. God's Presence in History, by Emil L. Fackenheim. New York University Press, \$5.

These four volumes are a reminder that most of the serious thinking about Judaism's role in the contemporary world is taking place in the US.

Rabbi Lamm's book represents the Orthodox point of view, the other three the Reform, but apart from an occasional swipe at the opposing philosophy, he is Orthodox or Reform, there is a remarkable agreement in all the books on the type of subject considered and the style which it is considered.

We appear to be fast approaching a specifically American way of treating the problems of Jewish thought. One even hears talk of American Judaism.

Those of us who live outside the largest concentration of Jews in the world cannot help feeling left out of it and the truth be told, somewhat alarmed at the prospect of this great community going its somewhat lone or, as the current jargon has it, "doing its own thing." Salton D. Lamm's excellent and very "English" biographical sketch of Felix Levy does something to redress the balance.

Felix Levy, an outstanding preacher and teacher, died in 1938, and the majority of the addresses printed in the volume were delivered many years ago. Yet this man's extraordinary wide reading, eloquence and freshness have prevented his messages from becoming too dated. The mystical mood in his High Holy-day sermons is perhaps especially relevant.

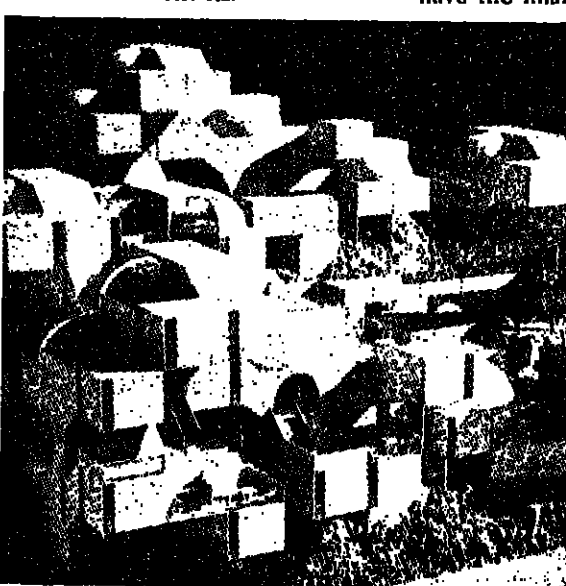
Norman Lamm's discourses are even more topical, containing many fine ideas. Like other Jewish preachers today, Rabbi Lamm is fond of illustrations from Chasidic lore which he uses to good effect. It is a pity that in the section on "Torah," while he reacts indignantly to the equation of Orthodoxy with Fundamentalism, he offers no adequate account of his own understanding of revelation.

The essays in "Judaism and Ethics" have all been culled from the pages of the CCAR Journal. None of the essays was written to form part of the book with the title given it so that a certain unevenness is to be discerned.

Solomon B. Freehof's "Death and Burial in the Jewish Tradition" for instance, is valuable in itself but its relation to the main theme of the book is tenuous. The editor's remarks are typical of the tension in present-day Reform circles between the need for some kind of halacha and existentialist "freedom." These essays are intended as a beginning of understanding and not its authoritative conclusion. It is doubtful that there are final and fixed conclusions any

more. Revelation is in the encounter. Yet it remains probable that an ignorant man cannot be a saint and that our hell on earth is in part the result of the good intentions of the innocents of our modern and complex society. The beginning of wisdom is get wisdom. To that high purpose these pages are humbly dedicated.

Finally there is Emil Fackenheim's book, originally delivered as the Charles F. Deems Lectures at New York University in 1968. It is unusual, to say the least, to find a professional philosopher skillfully defending the discernment of God's presence in history even after Auschwitz.



Habitat: 1,500 dwellings, units covered by Manchester City Council in Jerusalem, signed by the Sadie under commission: the Governor of Israel, P. "Beyond the Tal," an autobiography of an Israeli-born and bred who grew up in the Explo 67 in the Press, £1.50.

## Nothing but the facts

THE JEWISH YEAR BOOK. Edited by Michael Wallach. Jewish Chronicle Publications. £1.75.

This issue of "The Jewish Year Book" is the latest in a series that has continued almost uninterrupted since its first appearance in 1900. Its editor then was the distinguished writer of children's stories, Joseph Jacobs. His successors have included two outstanding Jewish historians, Cecil Roth and Albert Hyamson; a pair of distinguished ministers, Solomon Levy and Isidore Harris; and most recently two lay members of the Anglo-Jewish community who have devoted their lives to public service, Hugh Harris and Michael Wallach.

The 1971 volume has an enlarged Israel section and for the first time there is a separate section for youth. The Who's Who section has burgeoned to 100 pages, with well over a thousand entries.

The lists of Jewish recipients of special honours and awards, Privy

Councillors, Peers, MPs, etc., are as long now that it is positively embarrassing. They are a tribute to the magnificent tolerance of the British people.

The editor is to be congratulated for introducing a "new look" to the annual calendar. The weeks are now clearly separated and the intervening times of Sabbath and Festivals are easier to find.

But what is for me the best feature of this dozen of reference works is the total sense of a "Festschriften" quality, communal blurb and articles that one usually associates with such undertakings. No "The Jewish Year Book" editors within weeks after publication offers information, pure and simple, without frills, pompousness or adulation. Y. JOSEPH

## Family troubles

JUDITH FRANKEL

RICH MAN, POOR MAN. By Irwin Shaw. Wendenfeld & Nicolson. £2. A DAUGHTER AND HER LOVES. By Maxine Kumin. Panther. 30p. ASH ON A YOUNG MAN'S SLEEVE. By Dannie Abse. Vallentine, Mitchell. £1.25.

Probing family relationships still ranks among the more potent functions of the popular novel. So when three writers take, at the outset of their novels, identical family groupings—mother/father/ three children—it is instructive to see how each extracts the essence of the human condition.

Irwin Shaw first, with story-telling like his, you know where you are—though often there's no denying you've been there before. "Rich Man, Poor Man" is undemanding but irresistibly seductive soap-opera.

The Jordache family, first-generation German-Americans, cascade through some spectacular ups and downs with awe-inspiring staying-power, encountering the "awful ravages of American progress." Sex, violence and money, these three; but the greatest is money. The plot defies the telling: Rudy, Tom and Gretchen, between bouts of making good, making off or making up, are whirled in dizzying circles around every burning issue in American society.

Lynx-eyed (albeit breathless) colour, alcoholism, the Mafia, drugs and barricades on campus. Nothing, but nothing, is omitted.

What results is lacking in focus, a crowded, sprawling, effortless novel, memorable for little beyond the book of the film it will obviously become. Unless the TV series comes out first.

No effortlessness, unfortunately, redeems "A Daughter and Her Loves." But should anyone contrive to grapple with all the tedious irrelevances that clog up this story, what with the heroine's political education and some bafflingly indigestible morsels of a legislative tribunal on pawnbroking, he would unearth a simple tale of the wilful girl who persistently plays with fire and squeals when scorched.

Joanna, her mother dead and her brothers far from home, completes the family disintegration by a public campaign against her pawnbroker father. When she's abusive at home, he blacks her eye and she runs away.

The trouble is, one pursues her through two days of crisis with curiously mixed feelings, since it's a wonder he didn't clout her sooner. She touts around the homes and beds of several college friends before landing up, aggrieved, with exactly what she's deserved, though rather more than she seems to have bargained for.

Her adventures in bed, and the sudden recall to her dying father's bedside, are presumably intended to reinforce the idea of "loves" projected by the title. But this suggestion of her capacity to feel deeply for another begs a puzzling question.

Surely it overestimates any emotion that could penetrate that self-centred, play-acting world in which Joanna insouciantly coos herself. Her brother's last-minute appearance in the story does nothing to compensate for the absence of any feeling of kinship here, despite some over-written scenes of remembered family life.

There is family life galore in "Ash on a Young Man's Sleeve." Dannie Abse's fictionalised memoir of his Welsh youth makes a marvellously welcome return to print. What an engaging, honest, generous and funny book this is, suffused with the cheerful malice and fine devotion of schoolboy friendship.

Two special delights linger when, at last and reluctantly, it is put aside. One, the sure touch of those Mitty-esque fantasies, whether he's dominating the cricket pitch or the operating theatre. They keep at bay the insistent and powerfully evoked nightmares of dread Nazi reality looming on the borders of his young world, while somehow encompassing them into a sensitive, adolescent awareness.

The other, an impression of gentle, shimmering days, all hazy heat and the laughter of private jokes, a time for being read to and for learning to cope, he it with girls or teenage conversation or halcyon or weird relatives or unmentionable fears.

Most beguilingly suggested of all, the boy's grandiose intellectual attitudes, solemnly garnered from elder brothers Wilfred and Leo. Now this is family life: superbly re-created, and for real.



Nirvana: Portrait of the Dutch Jewish painter Mayer de Haan (1852-96) by his close friend and mentor, Paul Gauguin (1880). From "The Drawings of Gauguin," by Ronald Pickvance, containing over 100 large illustrations (Paul Hamlyn, £2.50)

## MISCELLANY

China and the West: Mankind Evolving (Garnstone Press, £1.75).

A panel of experts sponsored by the Teilhard de Chardin Association examine the Communist (and cultural) revolution in China and its effects on the economy, religion and the changing social structure.

The approach of most of the contributors is similar to that of the "progressives" of the 1920s and 30s to the "great experiment" of the Soviet Union. Only occasionally are we permitted to glimpse the moral rot beneath the idyllic surface—the deification of Mao, the regimentation of men and ideas, the use of hate as a political weapon, extreme xenophobia, etc.

Two of the essays are set in China at all. In one of them Bernard Tawers deplores the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia and almost in the same breath brackets that distasteful deed with what he calls the "revent Israeli expansion." He ignores the fact that in both cases Russian imperialism was the villain—in Czechoslovakia, directly and with the collaboration of the Warsaw Pact countries, and against Israel through the agents of that imperialism—Syria, Egypt and Algeria.

Museovy: Russia through foreign eyes, 1880-1900, by Frances Wilson (Allen & Unwin, £3). The daily life of the Russian people from serfs to Tsar is described by a variety of travellers including Madame de Sene and Alexander Dumas, as well as sailors, doctors, engineers, journalists and diplomats. The result is a rich and stimulating account of Russian social history. Some of the extracts were translated by Miss Wilson from the original French and German.

Among the numerous references to Jews in one by Martha Wihol, an Irish girl slaying with Prince Dushkov at the beginning of the nineteenth century. She visited communities of Jews on Yom Kippur and Shabbat.

The Face Finder, by M. M. Gerasimov (Hutchinson, £3). A fascinating autobiography by a Russian scientist who explains the technique he used in reconstructing the faces of the "terrible" Tamerlane and Schiller, as well as murder victims and prehistoric anthropoids. Professor Gerasimov died last year.

Three Sacred Cows of Economics, by Alex Lubner (Macmillan & Co., £3). A free-thinking economist challenges the prevailing views on centralised planning, government intervention, economic forecasting and faith in the accuracy of the GNP government planning. He argues, is unsuitable for a free enterprise or mixed economy, and he questions its efficacy even in the Communist countries. The test of Russia's achievements through planning, he says, is to examine what it might have accomplished under a capitalist system.

GNP growth, he continues, will in affluent societies result not in more even distribution of wealth, but in economically wasteful expenditure on new gadgets, nursery schools and such before they have become obsolete.

The Victoria Dilemma: Allied intervention in the Russian Civil War, by John Silverlight (Barrie & Jenkins, £1). A thoroughly researched and finely narrated history of the two-and-a-half year struggle between the Reds and the Whites, and the disastrous intervention of the Western expeditionary forces.

The author, an assistant editor of The Observer, relied heavily on the British Cabinet papers for the period. He expresses doubt whether relations between Russia and the West would have been any better had the Allies not intervened.

Your Child and School, edited by Christopher Price. Volume 1: 3-6. Volume 2: 6-12. Volume 3: 12-18 (Corgi, 80p each). A series designed to give parents a better understanding of the educational system from nursery school to sixth form, enabling them to co-operate intelligently with the schools and to support their children with helpful interest. The books describe new teaching methods and the modern approach towards curriculum and examinations. The glossaries are of tremendous help to parents bewildered by the proliferation of educational terms.

Jewish Book Annual, Vol. 28, 1970-71 (Jewish Book Council of America, New York, \$6.00). This diligently compiled reference work lists eleven Jewish books published in America, Britain and Israel over the past year with separate sections for Hebrew and Yiddish works. It is edited by Dr. Alan Steinbach and the compiler of books of Anglo-Judaica is Dr. Elzabeth Eppler, archivist of the WJC in London.

Now and Important: Palatin paperback reprints. Recently released includes Richard Neville's Playmaker (50p) and Aspects of the French Revolution, by Alfred Cobban (75p).

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Clarksons, largest of the package operators, are offering four- and five-day Mediterranean winter holidays from £14. The lowest-priced four-day holidays are at Majorca and the Costa Brava. Benidorm rates range from £15, Costa del Sol £17 and Capri £23. An extra day in Majorca, Benidorm

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and the Costa Brava costs only £1, in the Costa del Sol and Capri £2. Holidaymakers have to pay an additional 60p holiday insurance fee and airport taxes. All hotels, except that at Capri, have swimming-pools.

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### HOME NEWS—continued

## Less kashrut in Southend

From our Correspondent

Although the Jewish community of Southend and district has reached a record 1,300 families less kosher meat and poultry are being bought.

Giving his ministerial report at the annual meeting of the Southend and Westcliff Hebrew Congregation on Sunday, Rabbi P. Sheberson expressed "alarm" at the trend. He said that "ways and means will have to be found to

stop contaminating the home with treifa meat."

Rabbi Sheberson claimed that criticism of the educational standards in the local Talmud Torah were unwarranted as "education does not begin and end in the classroom—it rests with young parents of today observing kashrut and Sabbath in the home and attending synagogue more frequently and regularly."

As 150 families had moved further into Thorpe Bay and Shoeburyness, said the rabbi, the time may come when the community would have to consider providing a place of worship in those areas.

Mr Samuel B. Rosenberg, the president of the congregation, said that salaries, which accounted for the largest part of the community's expenditure, had been increased by 16 per cent during the year and totalled almost £15,000.

With only the requisite number of nominees for the synagogue council no ballot took place.

## Civic service at Leicester

From our Correspondent

"If we in Britain want to ensure that our society does not disintegrate, as it threatens to do in America, then we have to go back to the source-ideas which can supply us with a programme of reconstruction."

So said Rabbi Raymond Apple, of Hampstead Synagogue, London, guest preacher at the annual civic service at Leicester Synagogue on Sunday.

"The principles on which we should all be working," continued Rabbi Apple, "are the Ten Commandments—those rules for living inscribed on the walls of church and synagogue alike but very little observed by either."

The service was attended by the Lord Mayor of Leicester, Alderman George Baldwin, with the Lady Mayoress, the deputy lord mayor, high bailiffs, town clerk, the chief constable and other civic dignitaries.

The Rev S. I. Sussman and the Rev S. Benzaquen conducted the service. At a reception which followed, Mr M. Simmons, president of the Leicester Hebrew Congregation, presented the Lord Mayor with an inscribed copy of "A Book of Jewish Thoughts."

A collection yielded £70 and was divided between the British Heart Foundation and the Jewish Home and Hospital at Tottenham.

## Birmingham gift to chairman

From our Correspondent

A presentation was made to Mr J. Moise, chairman of the council of the Birmingham Central Synagogue for three years, who has gone to live in London.

The synagogue's president, Mr S. Galena, commended Mr Moise for the devotion he had shown the community over many years.

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## Catering costs go up

From our Correspondent Manchester

Dearer kosher meat now and the prospect of dearer catered functions is the effect of a crisis that faces the Manchester Shechita Board.

It was learned last week that from Decemalisation Day shechita fees for meat per pound weight went up to 21 new pence from 61d.—an increase of three farthings. Poultry shechita charges are unchanged.

From next September kashrut supervision fees for functions licensed by the Manchester Beth Din will go up as follows:

Dinners—from 7½ to 10p per person; buffets—from 5p to 8p; receptions—from 4p to 5p.

The increases are not only intended to counter the alarming escalation of costs in general, but also as an attempt to stem the numbers of meat supervisors leaving the Board's employment for better-paid jobs. Only last week two supervisors resigned, and four weeks ago another left for Israel.

## Elected to office

**BLACKPOOL:** Jewish Forum—M. L. Rose, chairman; L. Myers, vice-chairman; A. H. Crystal, treasurer; D. H. Grossman, secretary; M. D. Harris, chairman of membership sub-committee.

**BOURNEMOUTH:** Women's Mizrahi—Mrs P. Lader, Mrs P. Joseph, chairman; Mrs E. Rose, Mrs N. Grunin, treasurers; Mrs J. Burman, Mrs B. Keimann, secretaries. Council of Christians and Jews—Canon P. O'Mahoney, J. Pearl, chairman; the Rev E. H. P. Norton, S. Curtis, secretaries.

**BRIGHTON:** Wizo—Mrs H. Freedman, president; Mrs M. Lobatto, chairman; Mrs N. Spears, vice-president; Mrs R. Stern, treasurer; Miss R. Angel, secretary.

**GLASGOW:** Scottish Medical Aid Committee for Israel—Dr J. E. Miller, hon. president; H. Stone, chairman; Dr C. Mandelstam, vice-chairman; A. Cina, treasurer; H. Ginsburg, secretary.

**NOTTINGHAM:** Ajax—D. Harris, chairman; E. A. Rowe, treasurer; S. Lutz, secretary. Ajax Auxiliary—S. Harris, chairman; M. Rose, vice-chairman; Miss L. Jacobs, secretary; D. Cowan, treasurer.

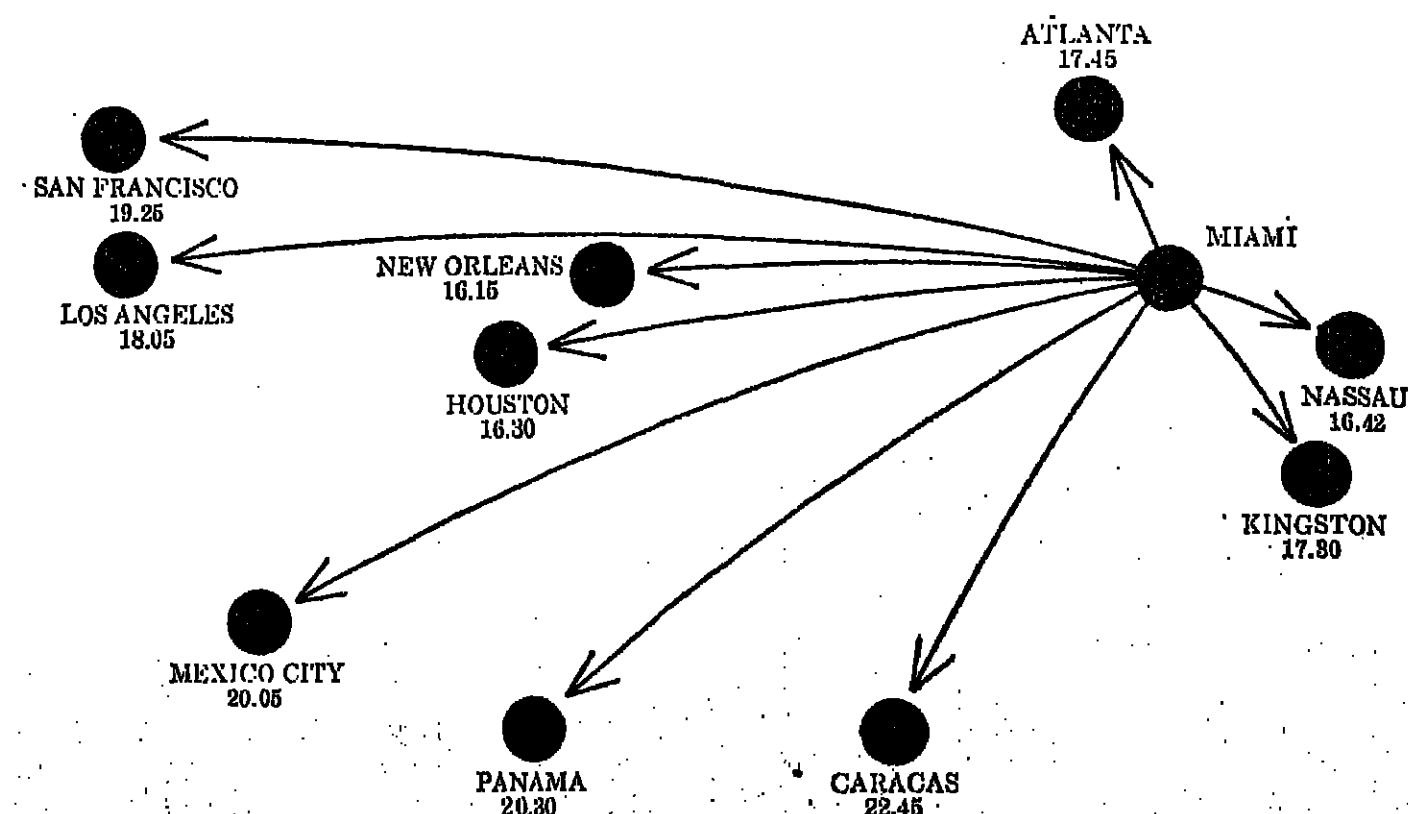
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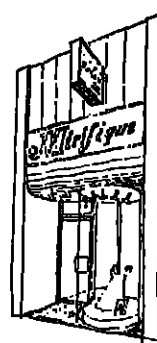
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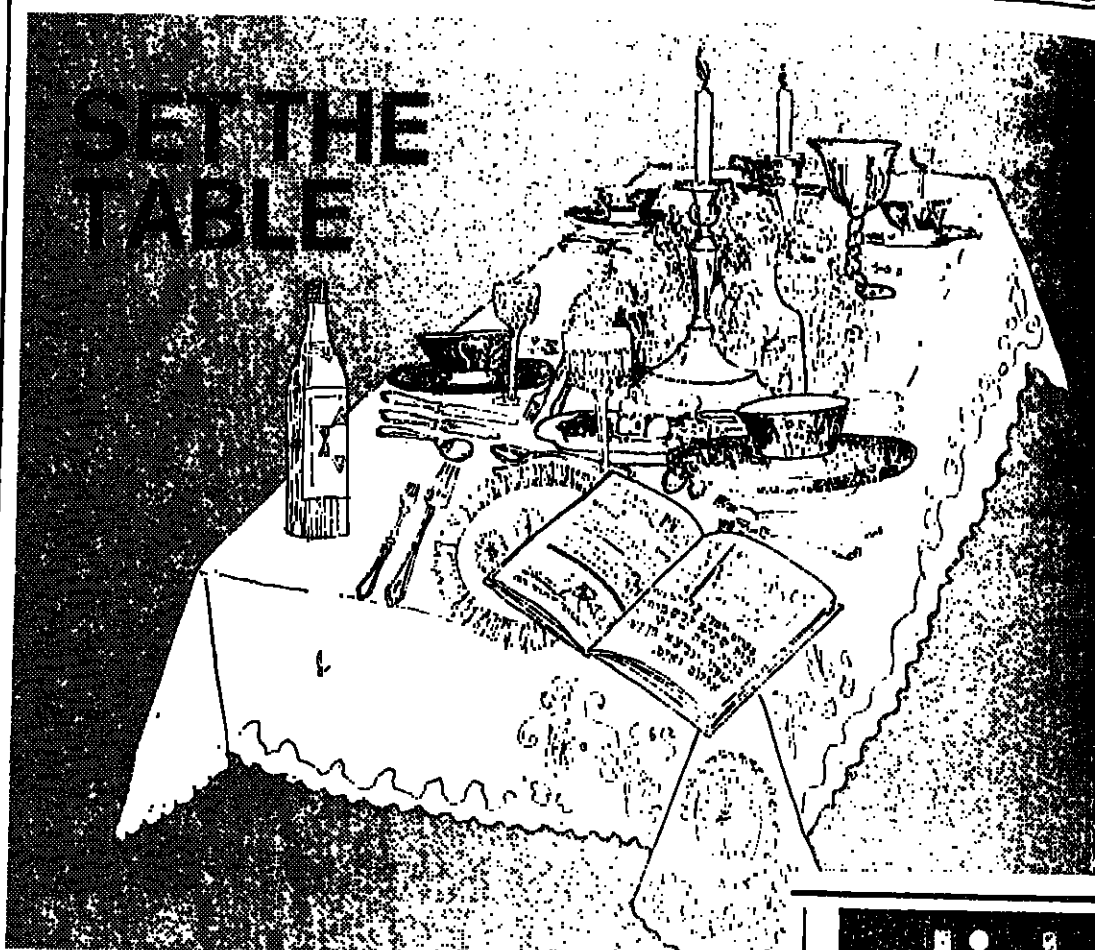
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## woman's pages



SADIE LEVINE

Sketch by IRENE MARSLAND

This is the time, now, immediately after Purim, when most of us are beginning to think of Pesach, when we actually prepare the first stages, not only the spring cleaning routine, but the actual stocktaking. Newly-weds in particular may want to supplement their wedding presents with an extra dinner service or special Pesach cutlery, so we went around on a shopping project in order to offer a few suggestions. Our artist's impression of the Seder table includes cutlery from Maples' Chippendale Royal York design in silver or silver plate; Windsor lacy tablecloth from Marshall and Snelgrove, 70 ins. x 144 ins., £12.60; Thomas Webb Crystal (Normandy range) from Maples, £3.25 the wine glass; and the goblet, in silver plate, £2.85; Candelsticks in silver plate from Selfridges, £8.50. Bono china is Wedgwood's new Contour "Harlech" design, gold and green, 25-piece dinner set for six, £185.30. At Wedgwood's Wigmore Street showroom.

## Israel's national fish

"The only fresh fish is the one you catch yourself" might well be the Israeli housewife's maxim, because, although she may not do her own fishing, she evidently likes to see her supper alive.

Mrs Aviv Turel, wife of El Al's London director, was giving an account of the eating habits of Israel households at an Aliya Club meeting, at which she shared a platform with Mrs Elisheva Yaffe, wife of the Commercial Counsellor of the Israel Embassy, and Mr Moshe Shamir, director of the JNF Aliya department.

Carp was the favourite, almost the national fish in Israel, and this was the fish which the customer chose alive on the fish-monger's slab.

"Otherwise she would not consider it fresh," said Mrs Turel.

There was, of course, other fish, netted in the Atlantic and frozen, but the Israeli housewife seemed to have a resistance to all but the carp.

As for the homely kipper, this had not yet acquired Israeli citizenship. Here was an idea, suggested Mrs Turel, for anyone interested in starting a new industry.

Mrs Yaffe talked about shopping in Israel (supermarkets, of course) but also the small family grocer "at the corner of the street."

Chairman Moshe Shamir helped answer some of the more tricky questions from the audience, whom he told incidentally,

to exercise self-control till the end of the meeting before the "tasting" of the tantalising delicacies laid out before them on the long trestle tables. Pavlov, I feel, would have taken notes on this audience's reactions.

## Beautiful news

Timely new hair treatment comes from the famous Wella people in the form of a lemon cream rinse, tried and approved by an oily-haired type in this office. The result seemed so good and silky that one must recommend it for this type of hair particularly. The rinse is applied after the wash and left for five minutes before rinsing out. In the shops now for 89p a bottle.

## Mini sprinkle

A new small garden sprinkler that does a surprisingly big job has just been introduced by Tudor Accessories and can be seen now in good hardware shops and gardening centres. It is called the Squarespray and although not much bigger than a car radio, it provides a spray of over 2,000 sq. ft. under normal water pressure. Quite a garden ornament, this pretty oblong item is in non-corrosive plastic in gay colours, adjusts by a valve and independent tank system, two knurled knobs to direct the spray and costs £2.50.

## FAIR LADIES

It occurs like Pesach once a year and like Pesach it never states by repetition. This is Wizo's two-day Spring Fair. At the Empire Rooms in Tottenham Court Road the opening day saw the proverbial queues, right down the street they were, basket-laden women of all creeds and colours, so one wondered where they had heard about the event and if they knew what it was all for. There was the familiar doorman waiting anxiously for the starting pistol because he couldn't control the crowds much longer.

And down in the teeming "market place" the opening ceremony: Mrs Neville Blond, Mrs Harriet Snowman, Mrs Anne Posnanski, hurrying through their speeches so that the selling could begin.

They were in business, dozens of eager Wizo salesladies, and again the wonder was how they could take the pace.

I have known these Wizo Fair ladies remain courteous and enthusiastic and keen throughout the long, exhausting sale... like the one, who at the end of the day, tired, dishevelled, and scarcely able to stand, said on leaving to an organiser: "Thank you for a lovely day."

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Some of the workers at the Israeli food stall

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### GREEN MAYONNAISE

This is a beautiful pale green mayonnaise which is detectable with salmon. Simply add 1 tablespoon each of roughly cut chives and parsley and half a clove of garlic (or a pinch of garlic salt) when you add the egg and seasonings. The blender will chop the herbs to a purée.

### MUSTARD MAYONNAISE

This is delicious with cold fried fish, or as a dip for "goujons" of fish.

Note. The additional ingredients can be added as suggested when the mayonnaise is made, or can be finely chopped and added to the already prepared plain version. Add 2 to the egg and other seasonings, 2 bulbs of spring onion, a tablespoon coarsely cut parsley (no stalks), 1 teaspoon French mustard (in addition to the powdered mustard) and 2 teaspoons lemon juice.

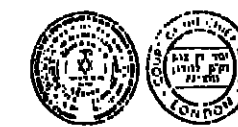
### GREEN GODDESS DRESSING

This can be used to top a lettuce salad, or to blend with boiled salmon, or as a dressing for hard-boiled eggs. Add 6 finely chopped anchovy fillets, 1 tablespoon each of chopped spring onions and chives, 2 tablespoons parsley, 2 tablespoons each of lemon juice and single or soured cream.

### REMINDER

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## Around London

Three melava malka functions were held by the Synagogue Council of the Zionist Federation. Over 200 people were present at the Clapton Synagogue to hear Mr Moshe Nathaniel, Economic Counsellor at the Israeli Embassy, and the Grand Singers with Mr N. Conroy, guest artist. Mr Morris Lefter presided. At the Cockfosters Synagogue, Mr Donald Silk, acting chairman of the Zionist Federation, was the guest speaker and the Rev Myer Pinkstein, chazan of the Golders Green Synagogue, sang liturgical and modern Israel items. Rabbi R. W. Cymberg presided. At a joint melava malka at the David Fisher Hall by the Western and West End Great Synagogues, Miss Beatrice J. Barwell, honorary secretary of the Zionist Federation, addressed the gathering on "The Pattern of Zionism in the Seventies." Rabbi Dr M. Turetsky presided and Rabbi M. A. Law also spoke.

Mr H. Josephs, of the Jewish Marriage Education Council, led a discussion with members of the B'nai Brith Ealing and District Young Adults Lodge.

Pupils of the Yavneh Primary School visited the demonstration kitchen at the centre of the Jewish Marriage Education Council, 529B Finchley Road, NW3, for a talk on kashrut, Shabbat and festivals. The talk was augmented by audio-visual aids. The demonstrator was Mrs M. Rotenberg.

Professor Sir Ludwig Guttmann, founder and former director of the National Spinal Injuries Centre, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury, addressed the annual evening meeting of the League of Jewish Women, at Woburn House, Euston. The League's president, Mrs Phoebe White, was in the chair. A film on the paraplegic games in Israel was shown.

Under the auspices of Pioneer Women, a women's forum was held at Eton Avenue, Swiss Cottage, with Esther Freedland presiding. The speakers included Dr Wendy Greengross, Miss Betty Lockwood,

chief officer of the Labour Party, and Mrs Frances Rubens, former president of the International Council of Jewish Women. Topics included family planning, equal pay and women's marriage rights.

Mr Michael Whittaker and his partner, Mr Bill Bridger, organised a fashion show for the residents of the Home for Aged Jews, Nightingale Lane, Wandsworth. All participants gave their services free of charge.

The Hampstead Synagogue ladies' guild held a coffee morning at the home of Mr and Mrs B. A. Saffron, in aid of the Jewish Home and Hospital at Tottenham, and the Hampstead Friendship Club. Over £200 was raised.

THE MOST IMPORTANT distinctive feature in the history of work for the victims of Nazism. He was one of the original members of the Chief Rabbi's Advisory Council.

One aspect of Mr Hurwitz's life of which he was very proud was his work for the victims of Nazism. He sponsored 110 refugees who came to Britain from Germany. To increase of the number of poor Jews who have left this country, subsistence elsewhere. Thus there has evidently been a rise in the lamentable burden of which the charitable Jews of London are so long and so much to complain—the pressure of poor immigrants on this country, an idea of which may be gathered from that out of 2,106 persons relieved by the Board of Guardians, were native Jews; and out of £2,880 spent in their relief, passed to the English poor.

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## OBITUARY

## Mr Barnett Hurwitz

The joint JPA and Blackpool and St. Anne's Synagogue, set the target of £26,000 for the building of a new synagogue. The target was set at a meeting held at Palm Court in Blackpool, last week when Mr Barnett Harris Hurwitz, one of the best-known and most admired members of the Belfast community, died on Tuesday at the age of 80.

He was an Orthodox leader who guided the Belfast Jewish community and ably represented it in the civil centre. For 38 years he was president of the congregation almost as much as he was actively associated with the whole of the community. He was the target of the Belfast community since its inception was its president of the Jewish community. He was the target of the Belfast community since its inception was its president of the Jewish community.

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